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TURKEY AND PERSIA.

Disturbances on the Frontier of Asiatic Turkey.

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 17—Evening.

Dispatches from the East report that a difficulty has arisen between Turkey and Persia. Disturbances broke out upon the eastern frontier of Asiatic Turkey between the Persians and the Turks, which have led to the withdrawal of the Ambassador of the Porte from Teheran. Since these occurrences, Persia has been massing troops on her northwestern frontier.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

The Recommendations of the Peace Conference.

PARIS, Sunday, Jan. 17—Evening.

The Conference on the Eastern question is on the point of closing its sessions. It recommends Greece to accept so much of the Turkish *ultimatum* as relates to Cretan affairs, and to refer the case of the officer at Syra to the decision of the Courts; and promises that Turkey will withdraw the last point of her *ultimatum* touching the observance of international law. The Conference maintains the policy of strict non-intervention.

The latest advices from Athens show that preparations for war are actively going on in all parts of Greece. The banks of Athens have loaned the Government $20,000,000 for war purposes.

The Settlement Proposed Agreed to by Turkey.

PARIS, Sunday, Jan. 17.

The Turkish Minister has agreed to the main points of the settlement proposed by the Conference, but awaits instructions from Constantinople before signing the resolves of that body.

M. RANGABE, the representative of Greece, has informed M. LAVALETTE, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, that his instructions from the Government at Athens, are delayed in consequence of interruptions of the telegraph.

SPAIN.

Reinforcements to be Sent to Cuba.

MADRID, Sunday Jan. 17.

The additional reinforcements for the army in Cuba will soon sail under Gen. PELAEZ.

Returns from the Provinces increase the overwhelming majority of the Government candidates elected.

ITALY.

Renewal of the Tax Riots—Action of the Military.

FLORENCE, Saturday, Jan. 16.

The riots occasioned by the attempts to collect the mill tax have been renewed recently in various parts of the Kingdom. The country today, however, is tranquil. The military force has been used freely for the suppression of these disorders. Twenty-six of the rioters have been killed and wounded.

NORTH GERMANY.

The Money Order System with the United States.

BERLIN, Saturday, Jan. 16.

On the 1st of February prox. the money order system between the large towns of North Germany and the United States will be inaugurated. The plan is to receive payments at Post Offices in the North German Union and the United States, and issue orders for the same on the agents of the North German Lloyd, the amounts to be limited to about $60, and to be calculated at a fixed rate of exchange for both countries. The arrangements will be similar to those already made by the American Post Office Department with the Government of Switzerland, except that on the American side the business will be done by the agents of the North German Lloyd instead of the Post Offices, the Post Office Department having declined to enter into the arrangement.

CUBA.

Gen. Grant Said to be in Favor of Cuban Independence.

HAVANA, Sunday, Jan. 17.

Letters received here state that Gen. GRANT and President JOHNSON are both positively in favor of Cuban independence, and that Gen. GRANT promises to aid in securing that end after his inauguration.

The neglect of the American and English Ministers at Madrid to arrange a reciprocity treaty concerning tonnage dues, which Spain conceded last June to all nations, and the advantages of which are at present enjoyed by all, excepting American and English vessels, causes American ships an additional expense of $1 per ton, thus injuring American commerce.

Commerce is languishing and mistrust and suspicion of the stability of certain houses is increasing.

The notes of the Spanish Bank are quoted at four per cent. discount. The bank is daily besieged by the populace attempting to obtain specie. The President of the institution died yesterday.

MAINE.

A Card from Senator Morrill's Friends—They Declare Mr. Hamlin Nominated Fairly.

AUGUSTA, Me., Sunday, Jan. 17.

The following is an abstract of a card just published, showing the latest state of the Senatorial contest. The signers are from Mr. MORRILL's county, which unanimously supported him in the caucus:

To Our Constituents:

That our position in reference to the Senatorial question may be fully known, we take this occasion to say that in the caucus held Thursday evening, 7th inst., we voted for Hon. LOT M. MORRILL, and regretted that he was not at that time nominated; that at the caucus on ballots were cast for Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, and 74 for Hon. L. M. MORRILL, and one blank, cast by a member who did not intend to vote for either Mr. MORRILL or Mr. HAMLIN; that we then learned that, by custom and usage in all representative bodies, in all caucuses and conventions, in this State, a blank piece of paper is never counted. The Committee appointed to receive, sort and count the votes, did not count the blank as a ballot. The language of their report was that 149 ballots were cast, and that one contained the blank, thereby crediting the blank as regarded it as a ballot. Evidently in such a vote 75 constitutes a majority, and makes an election. Had Mr. MORRILL received 75 votes, and Mr. HAMLIN 74, we should have claimed that Mr. MORRILL was nominated, and consented the support of Mr. HAMLIN's friends in the election. We feel bound to concede Mr. HAMLIN what we should have asked for Mr. MORRILL. We therefore deem it the duty, as the friends of Hon. LOT M. MORRILL, in view of all the circumstances, to give acquiescence in the nomination of Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN to be the nominee of the caucus, and that fidelity to the established usage of party shall be regard for the same, and success, require us to the above personal preferences and most cheerfulness. We intend to support Mr. HAMLIN as the regular and date of the Republican Party for United States Senator at the time designated by law for such election to take place.

(Signed,) WM. R. SMITH, of the Senate; EZRA KNOWLTON, G. S. PALMER, S. D. RICHARDSON, MAJOR J. MERCALLY, of the House, all of Kennebec County.

Senator MORRILL arrived here last night, accompanied by Senator TRUMBULL and his wife.

TENNESSEE.

Martial Law Declared by the Legislature—Gov. Brownlow Requested to Call Out the Militia—The Agricultural College Fund.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Saturday, Jan. 16.

Advices received here by Gov. BROWNLOW are to the effect that the Legislature has declared martial law in the State, and requested him to call out the militia. I am warranted in stating that no hasty action will be taken by Gov. BROWNLOW, and that the militia will not be called out unless circumstances occur that will justify such a course. The Governor has determined to await further developments, and act only when he feels warranted by the facts.

The Agricultural College Fund, $500,000, has been given to the East Tennessee University, of this city.

Recent Ku-Klux Outrages in Different Parts of the State.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 17.

Letters have been received here by a Southern member of Congress, detailing outrages in the State of Tennessee. It is stated that two loyal men were killed in Franklin County, on the day of the election, and another taken from the jail and hung in the courtyard. The perpetrators of the acts are unknown. A letter from Shelbyville, dated Jan. 11, says that in a recent fight the Ku-Klux were badly whipped, but they threaten to come a thousand strong from Lincoln and Marshall Counties. They were about thirty in number, and mounted on horseback. They drove to the public square, "blowing whistles and yelling like demons." They then moved down the Murfreesboro Pike, and as they approached near Dunlap's, they were fired into and six of them wounded. Just after the Ku-Klux ran off, and during the excitement, a barn was set on fire. Another letter says if the Ku-Klux organization shall not be suppressed loyal men cannot live in Tennessee; and the writer adds:

"If in this State, with a loyal element and a BROWNLOW as Governor, you are not safe, what would you look for in the other rebel States? We have no security for life or property, and no exercise of liberty. These are facts, and Congress must do something to protect loyal citizens or they will be murdered by thousands." A letter from Aspin Hill, Tenn., says there has been scarcely a night for six months that the Ku-Klux have not gone somewhere in the neighborhood and taken out and hung, shot, or whipped some one, either white or black, and have succeeded in causing such a state of terror that all the black and every white Republican scarcely dare speak of them, who pay they always punish men for talking, and the citizens all winks at it through fear. But the loyal men are armed, and are according to these letters, determined to assert their rights. Letters have been received by other members of Congress, showing the fear exists up in the Southwest from the Ku-Klux movements, and appealing for a remedy to prevent future disturbances.

THE INDIAN WAR.

Gen. Sheridan's Movements—The War Nearly Over—Movements of the Indians in Colorado and Kansas.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 16.

Gen. SHERMAN telegraphs from St. Louis to Assistant Adjutant-Gen. TOWNSEND the following dispatch, received from Gen. SHERIDAN:

IN THE FIELD, FORT COBB,
INDIAN TERRITORY, Friday, Jan. 1, 1869.

Brevet Major-Gen. W. A. Nichols, A. A. G., Military Division of the Missouri:

GENERAL: I have the honor to forward the following for the information of the Lieutenant-General commanding. The destruction of the Comanche village by Col. EVANS' command on Christmas Day gives the final blow to the backbone of the Indian war. Since my last dispatch, dated the 23d of December, a delegation of the chief fighting men of the Arapahoes and Cheyennes, twenty-one in all, arrived at this place on foot, their animals not being able to carry them. They said they ruled the village; they begged for peace and permission for their people to come in, asking no terms, but for a paper to protect them from the operations of our troops while en route. They report the tribes in mourning for their losses, their people starving, their dogs all eaten up, and no buffalo. Wished bread them into the cahyons on the eastern edge of the Staked Plains, where there is no wood nor water nor buffalo; they are in a bad fix and desire to surrender unconditionally. I accepted to their terms and will punish them justly; and I can scarcely make an error in any punishment awarded, for they all have blood upon their hands. Yesterday we received a few papers—the first we have had for one month, and I see it alleged by Indian agents that Black Kettle's band were in their reservation at the time they were attacked. This is a falsehood. The reservation extends but thirty miles up the Washita from Fort Cobb. The battle took place 120 miles up the river. It is also alleged the band were friendly. No one could make such an assertion who had any regard for truth. The young men of this band commenced the war. I can give their names. Some of Black Kettle's band were out depredating at Fort Dodge, when the villages was wiped out, the mules taken from the trains and carried off. Our murdered carriers' photographs taken from the scene of outrages on the Solomon and Saline Rivers were found in their deserted camp, and in addition I have their own illustrated history, found in the captured camp, showing the different fights or murders in which this tribe was engaged—the trains attacked, the haying parties attacked about Fort Wallace, the women, children and soldiers killed. It is at the service of anyone who desires information on the subject. It should be known, also, that I invited Black Kettle and his family to come in through the Arapahoe Chief, Little Raven, in my interview with that Chief at Fort Dodge in September last. They did not come.

Yours, respectfully,
P. H. SHERIDAN, Major-General.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Saturday, Jan. 16.

An Omaha dispatch says it is reported that a number of the Indians recently engaged in the war in Colorado and Kansas have reached the Powder River country, where a council had been held by a large number of Indians. The object of the council was unknown. The Indians were quiet at Fort Fetterman, and also along the Upper Missouri River. A Denver dispatch says, a party had just returned from the pursuit of Indians in Cache la Poudre Valley, having succeeded in recapturing a hundred stolen horses and killing one Indian.

California State Fenian Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Jan. 17.

The State Convention of the Fenian Brotherhood has been in session for the past three days. A Committee of Conference has been appointed for the purpose of effecting the union of both branches of the Brotherhood on this coast. The action of the Philadelphia Congress of the Fenian Brotherhood is approved by the Convention. JOHN HAMILL has been chosen State Center for the ensuing year.

The Legislative Council of British Columbia is discussing the question of reciprocity with the United States with closed doors.

The Kansas and Nebraska Legislatures.

ST. LOUIS, Sunday, Jan. 17.

In the Kansas Legislature yesterday, a congressional resolution was introduced in the House, asking Congress to submit an amendment to the Constitution giving suffrage without regard to race or color.

The Republican members of the Nebraska Legislature held a caucus on Friday night for the purpose of nominating a United States Senator, but no choice was made. Mr. TIPTON had the highest vote.

Fire in Savannah, Ga.

SAVANNAH, GA., Sunday, Jan. 17.

Fire this morning destroyed W. D. R. WRIGHT's oil and paint store, and HERMANN's grain and seed store, on Bay-street. The loss was $24,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

Heavy Robbery in New-Haven Depot—$22,500 Stolen.

From the Hartford Times, Jan. 16.

One of the heaviest robberies that has taken place for some time was perpetrated in the New-Haven depot last night about 11 o'clock. Dr. W. H. M. HOWARD, of West Fairie, Vt., had been to New-York, and returned last evening, having nearly $22,000 in bonds and greenbacks on his person. It was in pocket-books carried in the breast pockets of his coat. At New-Haven he left the cars, and stopped for the next train, which leaves there shortly after 11 o'clock. As he was getting into the cars he was jostled by two young men, but thought nothing of the circumstance until after he had taken his seat and the cars had started. He then found that his coat had been cut open underneath breast pocket, and their contents abstracted. From the right hand pocket the pickpockets took $14,000 in Government bonds, and from the left hand pocket $8,500 in greenbacks. On this side they cut through the undercoat, into the pocket, but did not succeed in getting the wallet which was in it, which contained the additional sum of $10,500 in greenbacks. Over his arm Dr. HOWARD had a duffle coat and a wolf robe, which he was carrying home, and this probably afforded the thieves a better chance to work. He suspects that he was followed from New-York by the two men. In New-Haven both the doctor and a brakeman on the train noticed them, when they jostled against the former. Dr. HOWARD is a wealthy citizen of West Fairie.

WASHINGTON.

Provisions of the Treaty Relative to the Alabama Claims—The New-York Senator—Gen. Grant to have a Reception in Baltimore.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 17.

The protocol for the settlement of the Alabama claims, which was announced in these dispatches yesterday as having been sent to the Senate on Friday, was not referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations that day because there was no Executive session. The copy sent in by Mr. SEWARD is not the official copy signed by Earl CLARENDON and Reverdy Johnson on Friday. When the protocol was originally agreed upon between SEWARD and Johnson, it was signed in duplicate and both copies forwarded to Mr. SEWARD. On one he noted his amendments, as printed in the TIMES of Dec. 1, and returned it to Mr. JOHNSON. The other he retained, and has added the changes and modifications which have been agreed upon since. This copy is sent in for the use of the Committee in order to facilitate its consideration. The official copy signed by JOHNSON and CLARENDON will be here in about a week. With reference to the character of the treaty, your correspondent is able to state positively that the British Government yielded one after the other, though with much reluctance on some features, all the material points insisted upon by Mr. SEWARD, and that the negotiations have finally terminated favorably on the basis of the instructions originally issued by him. The text of the treaty, and nearly all the details of the settlement, are almost identical with the Convention of 1853. Its main features are: *First*—Provision for a convention for the settlement of all claims arising between the two Governments since 1853. *Second*—A joint Commission to be composed of two Commissioners to be appointed by each Government. *Third*—A majority of said Commission to be sufficient to decide any case. *Fourth*—Where the Commission cannot agree on any case it is to be reported back to their respective Governments, and an umpire selected by them. The selection so made to be ratified by the Senate. *Fifth*—If this be not done within six months after a case is so reported, each party in the Commission to select the name of an arbitrator, and the decision to be made by lot. *Sixth*—All cases finally adjudicated by our Admiralty Courts excepted from the jurisdiction of the Commission. *Seventh*—The neutrality to be shown to the satisfaction of the Commission of all British subjects submitting claims growing out of losses during the war. *Eighth*—The Joint Commission to hold its sessions in the City of Washington. These are the main features of the protocol. Secretary SEWARD looks upon it as a very successful result, inasmuch as it is an agreement in almost every respect on what he submitted as the demands of this Government. He thinks its successful negotiation ought to relieve REVERDY JOHNSON from many of the imputations cast upon him by the American public and Press. What the Senate will think remains to be seen. It will receive a very thorough and a very able discussion. Accompanying this treaty were two others, negotiated some time since by Mr. JOHNSON, to wit, one defining the question of citizenship and of expatriation, and the other settling the San Juan Island boundary question.

THE NOMINATION OF GOV. FENTON.

The news of the nomination of Gov. FENTON over Gov. MORGAN was received here at a late hour last night, and was the subject of many expressions of sincere regret. Senator MORGAN has rendered himself so popular in both branches of Congress, as well as in society here, that his retirement is universally deplored. Senator FENTON will be cordially received, and that he will creditably represent the State, no one doubts; but the pernicious system of rotation, as well as the unwise demands of locality, which have so long worked to the injury of New-York in the national legislative councils, seem to be as strong as ever. The people of that State last Summer threw away the Speakership of the Forty-first Congress, and now they exchange a Senator, who has just begun to have potential influence in Congress, for one who must serve six years as MORGAN has done before he can achieve like position and influence. Probably by the time he becomes really valuable, somebody else will have a hungry set of retainers, and he will be set aside. The State of New-York has yet to learn what Massachusetts and South Carolina practiced for thirty years, and what the former still practices, achieving thereby more prominence and more influence in legislation than any other State in the Union.

GOLD-INTEREST BONDS.

Senator MORTON, in the Senate, and Gen. BUTLER, in the House, will to-morrow introduce resolutions prohibiting the national depository banks from taking up their gold interest bonds deposited as collateral for Government moneys, and putting in their place currency interest bearing bonds of the Funding Bureau issues. This has already been done to the extent of two-thirds of the entire amount of bonds on deposit.

MOVEMENTS OF GEN. GRANT.

Gen. GRANT has finally accepted the invitation of the Baltimore Unionists to receive at their hands the compliment of a public reception. For this purpose he will leave Washington on Thursday of this week, and arriving in Baltimore, he will become the guest of Wm. J. ALBERS, at whose house he will hold a public reception on Thursday night. On Friday he will visit the places of prominent interest in the city, and also attend the meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund. On Saturday he will return to this city. Admiral FARRAGUT and other distinguished officers of the army, as well as the navy, will also visit the Monumental City at the same time.

THE ADMISSION OF GEORGIA.

The Senate Judiciary Committee have not yet definitely settled on the question of the admission of the Georgia Senators to their seats in Congress. The subject has been frequently discussed in Committee, and no report in reference to it will be presented for a few days.

THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

There is a general desire in Congress to take immediate action on the amendment to the Constitution regulating the suffrage. There can be no question as to its passage by both Houses of Congress, after which it will be submitted to the States. A prominent Senator said to-night: "I have no doubt that a sufficient number of the States will ratify it. The Legislatures will be glad to strike it out of future conventions, and I think we shall have the whole subject disposed of this year."

TAXATION OF BONDS.

As a consultation of the Justices of the Supreme Court on Saturday it was decided to render a decision in all the cases now before the Court involving the question of the taxation of the United States bonds and certificates of indebtedness. The decision will be read to-morrow by the Chief Justice at the opening of the Court.

THE AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

The Government Printer, Mr. DEFREES, announces that the Agricultural Report for 1867 will be ready on the 25th inst., and that he can supply the demand at the rate of about 2,000 per day. He has not yet sent in his estimates for the printing of the Congressional Globes, but will do so next week.

VIRGINIA RECONSTRUCTION.

Secretary SEWARD gave a dinner party last evening, at which were present Gen. GRANT, Mr. THORNTON, the British Minister, the French Minister, and the members of the Virginia delegation, who are here endeavoring to secure the admittance of the State on some less objectionable basis than that proposed by the Underwood Constitution. Gen. GRANT and Mr. SEWARD are understood to be favorable to their propositions, viz., universal amnesty for ex-rebels and universal suffrage. It has been informally agreed upon by the delegation and those who supported the Underwood Constitution that the objectionable features of that instrument, particularly the disfranchisement clause, shall be stricken out; so that in all probability Virginia will be admitted to representation in Congress before the close of the present session of Congress.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday, Jan. 17.

A BARK LOST AT SEA.

The United States Consul at St. Thomas, under date of Dec. 30, has advised the Department of State of the loss of the bark Cotsville bound from Turk's Island to Boston. She encountered bad weather, springing a leak, and the pumps getting out of order, she was abandoned. The Master and crew were brought to St. Thomas by the British schooner *Champion*.

THE COLORED SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE.

Messrs. ISAAH WHITE, of Pennsylvania, Chairman; Geo. B. DOWNING, Rhode Island; Capt. G. A. HACKETT, Maryland; JAMES M. SIMMONS, Georgia; Jno. F. COOK, District of Columbia; J. W. STEWARD, Illinois, and JOHN DE BAPTIST, Mississippi, the Committee appointed by the National Colored Men's Convention to seek an interview with the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, waited upon that Committee yesterday, and were received in a most cordial manner. Mr. WHITE addressed the Committee at length, stating fully the wishes of the Convention and the people he represented, relative to their condition, and most respectfully urged upon them the importance of taking speedy action in the matter of the enfranchisement of colored people North and West. Mr. DOWNING respectfully urged upon the Committee the necessity of Congress passing an act providing that no payment of bounties to colored soldiers no distinction on account of former condition shall be made; but that those borne on the muster roll as slaves shall receive the same bounties allowed to other soldiers for the same period and term of service. The Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, in replying to the address of Mr. WHITE, assured them that Congress was fully alive to the question of equal rights, and would not fail to take action in the matter in a short time. Regarding the bounty question, they were instructed to seek an interview with the Committee on Military Affairs, whom they were assured would render satisfaction in the matter. The interview was a pleasant one, lasting for about an hour, and concluded evidently to the satisfaction of all.

MARINE LIGHT.

The Lighthouse Board has official information that a flash light is now exhibited from a lighthouse on the plateau Des Roche Douvres, north coast of France. The light is elevated one hundred and forty-four feet above high water, and in clear weather should be seen a distance of fourteen miles.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

The Department of Agriculture furnishes estimates in detail of the corn and cotton crops of last year, as follows:

CORN—Are unable to figure out the 1,000,000,000 of bushels promised by sanguine calculators. A handsome increase upon last year of 127,000,000 bushels, if not all that could be desired at the present time, affords an aggregate of 87,000,000 of bushels larger than in 1860 (without including the Pacific States, which are unskilled to corn production,) but a decrease in proportion to the population. Illinois, of course, heads the list of States with about one-seventh of the entire population, and an increase of about sixteen per cent. in nine years—a good result, though barely abreast with the increase of population. The following is the estimate of bushels: Maine, 1,596,000; New-Hampshire, 1,511,000; Vermont, 1,072,000; Massachusetts, 2,992,000; Rhode Island, 346,000; Connecticut, 2,152,000; New-York, 30,910,000; New-Jersey, 10,216,000; Pennsylvania, 31,979,000; Delaware, 2,275,000; Maryland, 12,949,000; Virginia, 19,969,000; North Carolina, 12,066,000; South Carolina, 6,870,000; Georgia, 27,204,000; Florida, 2,000,000; Alabama, 21,340,000; Mississippi, 35,010,000; Louisiana, 17,297,000; Texas, 21,237,000; Arkansas, 23,449,000; Tennessee, 34,772,000; West Virginia, 7,065,000; Kentucky, 83,187,000; Missouri, 60,967,000; Illinois, 124,263,000; Indiana, 90,232,000; Ohio, 74,540,000; Michigan, 18,818,000; Wisconsin, 12,865,000; Minnesota, 3,352,000; Iowa, 39,383,000; Kansas, 8,467,000; Nebraska, 3,125,000. Total, 906,178,000.

COTTON—Since the reception of the October returns, local reports from cotton sections have been much more favorable, especially in the Southwest, where the result, in comparison with the acreage planted, is better than in any preceding season since the trial of free labor. Picking has been very expensively prolonged, and the Autumn was favorable. While the area in cotton was somewhat less than in 1867, the culture was better, and in all the States west of Alabama the yield was far better, with less drawback and casualty, than in Georgia, was the case in all the more Eastern cotton States. Yet it is the West that tells upon the result. Mississippi once produced 1,250,000 bales. The following estimate, which is assuredly below rather than above the actual yield, is not made for districts or cotton ports, as is generally done in commercial reports, but for States separately. Bales—North Carolina, 140,000; South Carolina, 180,000; Georgia, 290,000; Mississippi, 400,000; Louisiana, 250,000; Florida, 35,000; Alabama, 265,000; Texas, 260,000; Arkansas, 265,000; Tennessee, 300,000; other States, 75,000. Total—3,500,000.

THE WRECK OF THE GULF CITY.

The Steamship Runs Ashore on Cape Lookout, and is Dashed in Pieces—Twenty-two Lives Lost—Names of the Three Survivors.

From the Wilmington (N. C.) Star, Jan. 15.

The survivors from the wreck of this steamship were, yesterday morning, brought into this port on board of the *W. P. Clyde*, from New-York, commanded by D. P. MORGAN.

From the mate of the *Clyde* and from the unfortunate men themselves, we have learned full particulars. The *Gulf City* was a steamship that plied between New-York and Galveston, Texas. Her captain was JAMES SEWARD, whose family lives in Connecticut. The vessel was owned by FELIX DATES & Co., of Wall-street, New-York. The cargo was principally cotton. The *Gulf City* cleared from New-York about the 23d of November, and made a prosperous voyage to Galveston, which point she left New-Year's Day. The lapse of time between the two dates would intimate that her trip was a delayed one. Her return voyage was as far as Key West was without incident, and she departed from that place Thursday, the 7th inst. Fair winds and a smooth sea were her portion for a few days, and she appeared to be in a propitious mood. With Monday came a tolerably brisk gale, and the night was dark and cloudy. Toward 8 or 9 o'clock it became impossible to control the direction of the vessel, and at 10 o'clock she ran ashore on the shoals of Cape Lookout, and was, in a few hours, dashed to pieces by the breakers.

At 3 o'clock, she was a complete wreck, and the moans of the dying mingled with the clashing of the broken timbers, were so terrible as to create a shudder in the most resolute, and to evoke a prayer from the most hardened. All was confusion, and each moment the gaping sea claimed its victim. The majority there found watery a grave; while others, clinging with desperation to the shattered, floating pieces of the wreck, escaped momentary death, and were thunderstruck to offer a few prayers are their agonizing hearts ceased in their pulsations and their brains became sank beneath the stormy waters of the Atlantic.

Of twenty-five human beings, but three remain to tell the sad story, and to weep for the fate of their comrades. Among the number who were drowned, was a passenger—a gentleman—whose name we could not ascertain. Many left families, and among others the Captain.

The three men who were saved are named PATRICK MCCABE, from Jersey City, and ANTHONY TIGGLE and HENRY MCCARDLE, from New-York. While the ship was near sunrise, these three men were so fortunate as to cling firmly to a portion of the deck. Their dangerous, uncertain lifeguard was nothing save several planks nailed together, and not more than ten feet long and eight feet wide. On this frail craft they were tossed about for forty-eight hours, without food or water, without means to steer their course, without any promise of relief, and totally at the mercy of the tempestuous waves. Five times were them swept away, gradually carried, and when the *W. P. Clyde* came by, but three half-starved men remained to receive the needed succor.

At this time they were floating toward the open sea, and were a dozen miles from the scene of disaster. The officers of the *Clyde* report the spot as off Cape Lookout, N. W., and distant twelve miles. The boats were sent from downward and connected yes on Wednesday afternoon last, at about 3 o'clock. When carried on board of the *Clyde*, the poor sailors were only partially clad, and were rapidly declining from weakness. They are now in this city, stopping at the Seaman's Home, and show many signs of the terrible ordeal through which they have gone. They desire us to return to the officers and crew of the *W. P. Clyde* their warmest and most grateful thanks, and they speak in touching terms of the kindness extended to them. The more has called for humanity of Capt. MORGAN and crew deserve and will receive approbation from all.

A subscription paper is in all of these destitute sailors will be secured to our citizens, and we believe they will nobly respond to the call. Two of the men are married, and their families are dependent for a support on their exertions, and have said strangers—just escaped from death—without money—they will doubtless meet with the sympathy that benevolence ever offers to the unfortunate, and will receive the assistance that generally ever ministers to the suffering.

UNITED STATES SENATOR.

The Senatorial Caucus—Nomination of Reuben E. Fenton—The Means by Which it was Accomplished—Exultation of the Fenton Men and What is to Come of it.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Sunday, Jan. 17, 1869.

The Senatorial caucus last evening resulted, contrary to general expectation, in the nomination of REUBEN E. FENTON. The last of a dozen uncomfortable members who have been arriving to hard during the past to make up their minds how to vote, finally took advantage of the secret ballot to vote as they pleased.

The caucus met in the Assembly Chamber at 7:30 P. M., and appointed Mr. SEWARD, the Morgan candidate for Speaker, Chairman. By resolution of the Fenton Committee of the Assembly, previously adopted, all reporters were excluded from the floor, and were therefore obliged to look for such accommodations as they could find in the over-crowded gallery. The roll-call showed all the Republican members of both Houses present, and, on motion of Mr. BARNES, the caucus proceeded at once to a formal ballot. Judge CAMPBELL, of Otsego, in a speech highly complimentary to both candidates, put in nomination REUBEN E. FENTON. Mr. TREMAIN, of Tioga, followed with the nomination of E. D. MORGAN. Speeches eulogistic of both nominees were then made in abundance. Speaker YOUNGLOVE, LA BAU and others indorsing the first, and Mr. HEGEMAN and Senator FENTON the last. FENTON's orators, however, did the larger share of the talking, and had the advantage of a packed gallery to applaud every mention of their candidate's name. Messrs. ELY, of the Assembly, and THAYER, of the Senate, were then appointed tellers, and the first ballot was taken.

On counting the votes it appeared that ninety-three had been cast, and the Chair was about to announce the result, when Senator FOLGER called attention to the fact that there was one more ballot than voters, which clearly vitiated the ballot, and he moved that the caucus proceed to ballot a second time. The Chair was called on to announce how the vote stood, but it was objected to, and was not done. It was soon whispered over the chamber, however, that FENTON had fifty votes, MORGAN forty-two, and blank one. Some discussion followed as to whether the blank vote was not clearly a mistake which ought not to vitiate the ballot. But it was finally agreed to take a second ballot. Mr. HALS moved that the second vote be taken viva voce, which would prevent any accidental or intentional mistake. The Fenton men vehemently opposed this motion, and it was lost. A second ballot was then taken, and the result declared to be fifty-two for FENTON and forty for MORGAN. The result was greeted with the wildest applause by the galleries, and it was a long time before they would let up so as to permit Mr. TREMAIN to move that the nomination be made unanimous.

The caucus passed off very harmoniously, but the extraordinary zeal, betrayed on several occasions during the proceedings by Speaker YOUNGLOVE, has materially damaged his reputation for fairness and impartiality, and every Morgan man is now convinced of what many of them before suspected, that the announcement of the Assembly Committee has been kept back with a view to influence the Senatorial caucus, and that they have been made largely instrumental in contributing to the result achieved to-night. FENTON's friends were jubilant over the issue, and turned out in full force to congratulate him with a serenade.

But their hero was taken suddenly ill after hearing of his success in the caucus, and was obliged to respond to the serenaders by deputy. Gen. COCHRANE, Ex-Speaker LITTLEJOHN, WALDO HUTCHINGS and C. M. DREW appeared in turn on the balcony of the Delevan House as spokesman for him. Subsequently, FENTON appeared in person before a delegation of his friends in one of the parlors, and briefly thanked them for the support he had received in the past as well as in the present trying emergency. The feeling against Speaker YOUNGLOVE is getting very bitter, and a row is expected when he announces his committees. The different candidates for Chairmanship of Committees have discovered, on comparing notes since the caucus, that a dozen or more have been promised the Chairmanship of each position in the gift of the Speaker. So much dissatisfaction is there that it will hardly be safe to announce the Committees before the Senator is elected, lest there should be a bolt, and, accordingly, it is reported today that they will not be announced till Wednesday next.

It is now patent to every one that the formation of the Committees has been the great power wielded to secure the success of FENTON, and that the Morgan men should have made their grand fight on the Speakership. As legislation is conducted here the Chairmanship of any one of the leading committees is deemed to have "more money in it" than any member could expect to get from a candidate for the United States Senatorship were he ever so lavish, and accordingly the construction of those Committees involved the most potent arguments that could be used for or against a candidate. In the contest for Speakership, Mr. YOUNGLOVE was the first choice of a large number of Morgan men, and Mr. SELKNOS withdrew under the assurance, and in the general belief that YOUNGLOVE would not use the powers of his official position to influence the Senatorial contest. The confidence is proved to have been misplaced, and the man who has come out of the Senatorial contest with the worst damaged reputation is the new Speaker. He is charged with not only betraying confidence and belying his previous reputation, but with obstructing and needlessly betraying the public legislative business for which he and all his associates were sent to Albany. The best part of the first month's session has passed, and nothing has been done, because the Speaker refused to appoint his Committees, in order—as is now believed—that he might advance the interests of his favorite for the United States Senatorship.

The success of FENTON is construed by his friends here as a guarantee that they are to have all the fat berths, both Federal and State, in the gift of the party. They have already commenced to parcel out among themselves the offices in New-York City and elsewhere, and seem to take it for granted that FENTON is to be omnipotent with the incoming President, and sole arbiter of the fortunes of all members of the Republican Party in the State of New-York. If they pursue their victory in the same spirit, and with the same tactics whereby it has been won, it may well be doubted whether it is not the last victory of the Republican Party in this State. S.

The Tragedy in Green County, Wis.

A correspondent of the Chicago *Post* gives the following particulars of the tragedy in Monroe, Green County, Wis., of which mention was made in our telegrams: PATRICK CROTTY, an Irishman, enticed a young serving woman named ANGELINE SEMOYER, some two years since, and a long suit followed about the maintenance of the child. The girl's father proposed, on her behalf, to settle the matter for an indemnity of $300 and costs of the suit. CROTTY had come to the Monroe House, where ANGELINA was working, to make payment and take a receipt in full. Here a dispute occurred, CROTTY claiming that the amount should be only $200 in all. CROTTY was quite boisterous in his language, frequently going out to stimulate himself with liquor. The girl, his victim, at last, produced a pistol, and as he approached her with taunting language, and menacing, with violent gestures, she fired, the ball entering his abdomen and passing entirely through him, lodging near the skin at the back. He uttered no exclamation, hastened to his sleigh and attempted to drive home, but soon sunk down and died.

CROTTY had married only a few weeks since, and the controversy has been more fierce since that time.

An inquest was held on his body by S. W. ANSCOTT, Justice of the Peace, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts already stated. The sympathy of the public is strongly with the woman who is now in jail.

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

Prospects of the New Year—The Spirit of Flunkeyism—Mr. John Bright—Holiday Incidents and Spectacles—Two Dramatists—Charles Dickens.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 2, 1869.

The new year does not open amid prospects of the brightest kind for Europe. The shadow of war still hangs heavily over almost every nation of the old world, and although the oracle of France has uttered words of peace, yet no one is reassured. Sometimes the oracles themselves fail to foresee the course of events. NAPOLEON may truly desire peace, but almost any of the combinations which now provide occupation for the diplomatic circle may force him into war. He at least cannot afford to undergo any loss of prestige. Russia is standing by, watching with wary glances the changes which seem to be impending in the condition of the "sick man." A Peace Congress is talked of, but in such an extremity as the present, Peace Congresses have never yet prevented war. The bias of European opinion is undoubtedly against Greece in her quarrel with Turkey, and everybody professes to be astonished that so small a Power should have the impertinence to create a disturbance. It is clearly her duty to submit for the sake of peace and quietness. The man of humble means who lives near grand neighbors is generally expected, in this part of the world, to keep himself out of sight as much as possible, and to avoid making a fuss. Nevertheless, Greece appears to have her own ideas of her duty to herself and to others. She seems determined to fight Turkey. It is very "inelegant," no doubt, but the Greeks in old times used not to be particular in counting their foes. If Lord BYRON were living now, the English people would be likely to hear another side of the Greco-Turkish question.

We shall probably keep out of war, whatever may happen, but if we review our domestic affairs, we do not find much consolation. We have a Liberal Ministry in power, but it has immediately before it a task which cannot be accomplished without a general pouring out of the waters of strife. The state of our laboring population cannot be called satisfactory. Work is scarce, and the great pressure of competition for it becomes more and more embarrassing. Very soon there will be thousands of homes in Lancashire short of food; for the cotton-mills are obliged to go on half time in consequence of the depressed state of the market. By limiting the production, the manufacturers hope to revive the demand for cotton goods. But they cannot limit the production of months to be fed, although Mr. JOHN STUART MILL has proved that in that measure only lies our only hope of being able to permanently diminish pauperism. Poor people have children—very many children, as a rule—and somebody must keep those children, for the parents cannot. Hence workhouses, relieving officers and poor rates; hence, too, the fact that in this metropolis alone $7,000,000 a year is distributed for the relief of distress and in other charitable works.

TOADYISM.

The *Times* has thought the present moment a very seasonable one for reiterating an idea which has always been a great favorite with the conductors of that journal, and which it clings to now more earnestly than ever. It is that, whatever other institutions may be in jeopardy, the aristocracy and the landed interest are safe. The *Times* bases its belief on the innate snobbishness of Englishmen. They love a Lord; therefore they will never lay sacrilegious hands upon the House of Lords. They are proud of being on a Squire's estate, and therefore they will have nothing to do with those who seek to abolish primogeniture. It is quite true that this spirit of flunkeyism is very strong in England, and any observer who reasoned upon our affairs without taking it into account would mislead himself. If you can go into a shop here and ask to look at any article, the chances are ten to one that the tradesman will not seek to recommend it on its own merits, but that he will think it quite sufficient to say "Lord Softhead bought one of the very same pattern of me last week." Now this man probably denounces the aristocracy as freely as Mr. GOLDWIN SMITH himself when he is among his own set, but the instinct of toadyism is strong within him. The other day I had occasion to talk to a bootmaker. I said—"These boots do not fit." Bootmaker—"Well, Sir, we make for the Duke of M., and

OUR NATURALIZATION LAWS.

How They are Viewed Abroad—Utter Worthlessness of Naturalization Certificates as Evidence of Citizenship—Consequent Embarrassments in the Enforcement of the Rights of Property—Letter from United States Consul Page to Senator Patterson, of New-Hampshire.

UNITED STATES CONSULATE, SUNZOR, Monday, Nov. 16, 1868.

Hon. James W. Patterson, Hanover, N. H.:

DEAR SIR: That the respectable portion of the Press should be so unanimous and so earnest in urging a reform in our system—or rather want of system—of naturalizations, seems to me to be a very hopeful fact. Moreover, I think the papers have hit on a most essential feature of any reform by pointing out with such unanimity that United States Courts only should issue certificates of naturalization. That inferior State Courts should make United States citizens is an anomaly that I never could account for,—rather, I should say, an anomaly that is so absurd on the face of it that I wonder it has been permitted so long.

I write you this letter upon the subject of naturalizations in order to briefly discuss it in its bearings upon our relations abroad, so far as naturalized citizens are concerned. The question has lately assumed prominence at home on account of the gigantic frauds at the polls recently perpetrated under the present lax system. Hence it has been discussed, so far as I have seen, only as it affects home affairs. It has been abundantly shown that the fraudulent naturalizations now practiced destroy the purity and sacredness of the ballot-box; that they enable unpatriotic and unscrupulous politicians to achieve dishonest successes; that they lower the popular respect for the law, its officers and representatives; that by affording a premium upon rascality they deter honest men from taking an active part in politics and from entering upon political careers; that they have always inured to the benefit of the party of rebellion and repudiation, and that in the nature of the case they must always inure to the benefit of whatever party may be most disposed to enlist fraud and to cater to ignorance and depravity. Surely here are sufficient grounds for demanding a radical reform! But let me now present the case in another phase, from my stand-point as a Government officer abroad.

In Europe to-day our certificates of naturalization carry with them little weight. They are nearly worthless, so far as affording any recognized *status*, any certain protection, to their holders. It is true that they are usually—not always—received in the nature of a passport, permitting transit through and temporary domicil in European countries. The Custom-house officer, the policeman and gendarmes, receive them just as he does certificates from the authorities of the most insignificant communities, that the bearer lives within their limits. But they are not received as a badge of citizenship. All over Europe Courts of law doubt them, question them—often sneer at them, and rule them out of Court! And herein is wherein a change ought to be insisted upon. It is this fact that makes the naturalized citizen, when in Europe, not the equal of a citizen born such; the same rights are not guaranteed, at least not accorded to him.

The immense emigration from the continent to the United States leads to thousands of cases of disputed property, mainly inheritances between naturalized citizens of the United States and parties on this side of the ocean. The latter are often relatives who would take advantage of a prolonged absence on the part of rightful heirs to cheat them of inheritances, but oftener they are the authorities of the communities where the property is situated, and who, as my experience goes, invariably fight to the last to prevent money from being paid to persons resident out of the country. These authorities are by law the custodians and administrators of the estates of deceased persons, and they seem to me to be partial to claimants living in their own communities. Holding to the old doctrine of "born a citizen always a citizen," which, owing to our imperfect naturalization treaties, they are still able to do, they insist upon deciding all such cases on the assumption that the United States naturalized citizen is still a citizen of their community. And this works to his injury in a score of ways which I need not now detail. However, I must remark that it particularly affects all questions concerning property where minors are concerned and other trust funds. I know cases where minors born in the United States have been kept out of their rights for years, because they as well as their deceased fathers (naturalized United States citizens) were regarded as Swiss citizens. The bar to the money being turned over at once to the legal representatives of the minor is that the said minor *may* return to this country and become, as a pauper, a charge upon the community where his father, or perhaps grandfather, was born, notwithstanding he, and perhaps his father, were born in the United States! And so the property is held against such a contingency.

Without a more *bona fide* system of naturalization, we cannot effect treaties with foreign Powers that shall place our naturalized citizens on a par with those born such. Until such treaties are effected, we do not guarantee a naturalized citizen what we pretend to do when we give him a certificate of naturalization. Mr. BANCROFT'S treaties, admirable as they are in many respects, mainly so, however, because they stamp the right of expatriation upon international law as an integral part of it, and satisfactory as they are from the fact that they are a gain in the right direction, and from the fact that they contain about all that we can now decently ask for, do not place a naturalized citizen on anything like equality with native-born citizens. Yet I maintain that treaties which shall do this, can be negotiated with all the nations whenever we will make the conversion of an alien into a citizen, the well-considered, well-guarded, well-proven, weighty and solemn thing which it ought to be, instead of the hasty, trifling, fraudulent and farcical thing which it now is. The fault, then, does not lie with foreign authorities. We have no good ground of complaint against them. The fault lies in ourselves, that we issue certificates of naturalization loosely and (notoriously) fraudulently. So long as it is notorious that they are sold in New-York for $2 apiece, how can it be otherwise than that they are scouted at over here whenever they are adduced as proof of actual United States citizenship? How can we expect them to be respected so long as it is notorious that hundreds and hundreds of adventurers hold them, who have never once set foot on our shores?

It is not a more sweeping assertion than the facts will bear for me to say, that one-fourth, perhaps one-half, of the itinerant vagabonds, swindlers, "confidence men" and "tramps" who infest Europe, carry as a part of their stock in trade, certificates of United States naturalization. These impostors often escape detention as vagabonds, or, for actual offences, the prison itself, by pleading their American citizenship. Again, they bring the name of American citizen into bad repute, so that often worthy men, justly entitled to it, if poor and without friends on the spot, are made to suffer unjustly.

I believe it to be the simple truth that there are five times as many certificates of naturalization extant in Europe as there are naturalized United States citizens abroad! Is it not a shame that rascals the world over are able to clothe themselves with the *toga* of United States citizenship? These rascals infest our Consulates and Legations. They trump up all sorts of more or less plausible stories; but in the end they always want a gift or a loan of money, a certificate of character, a certificate to the nature of a visé of their naturalization papers—or that the Consul should procure their release from some unpleasant situation which the Police have constrained them to occupy. It is a green Consul that heeds their tales, yet I must confess that I have been several times imposed upon by them, and that I am not alone in being their victim. I have evidence to the fact that having detected one, I retained and destroyed no less than seven certificates of character which he had somehow procured from as many United States Consuls, and which he handed me with a view to enlisting my sympathies. I also effectually rendered rascescus his certificate of naturalization, by writing a few words in red ink across a certificate to its genuineness, which a United States Minister had written on the back of it, to which words I added my Consular seal, after which I returned to him the paper. My clerks thereafter put him by force out of the office, and I thought I was rid of him. But the Police, on the strength of my words in red ink, which they found on his person, nabbed him, and sent to me to know about him! I afterward received letters of thanks from seven United States Consuls and one United States Minister for returning to them the certificates they had given the man.

There are now pending in this Consulate thirteen cases hinging upon certificates of naturalization. If these certificates were conceded the force which ought to attach to them, I need not have been called upon to intervene. Each of the cases involves property. In the end, if persistently followed up, the majority of them will doubtless be justly settled, but in every case it will be only after a vast deal of trouble, and "the law's delay," which would be avoided were there a settled system of adjudication in such cases, based upon a just naturalization treaty, which could be negotiated if we had decent Naturalization laws decently enforced.

One feature of several of these cases is most remarkable. It is that the heirs in the United States are considered here as illegitimate children, and therefore not entitled to the property, and are declared illegitimate because the father, a naturalized United States citizen, did not notify the authorities of the community where he was born of the fact that he was going to get married, or because he failed to have the birth, names and baptisms of his children recorded in the parish-church records of his native parish.

The remedy and cure for all of these things is to be looked for, and I trust may be speedily found in a national naturalization law, uniform in all the States, and administered by United States Courts only.

The authorities, large and small, of all Europe are ready to concede the right of expatriation and naturalization, but they justly demand that we shall give proper proof of the fact. Since COLUMBUS was the first American "carpet-bagger," the feudal doctrine of the inalienability of citizenship has been growing more and more indefensible, until it is now become absurd. So that doesn't stand in the way. And with a treaty-stipulated concession of the right of a man to change his allegiance will come a practical recognition, in every possible case, on the part of the foreign authorities, from policemen to Prime Ministers, of the fact that naturalized citizens "are and of right out to be" par with born citizens.

Here let me suggest some things that ought to be made law by Congress.

An alien desiring to become a United States citizen should first make written application to the United States authorities charged with naturalizations, that he wishes to be naturalized. His application should be supported by affidavits as to identity and period of residence in the United States, and there should be a minute description of his person incorporated in his naturalization certificate, that for a score of years nobody else could possibly personate him. These affidavits, and the description of person, should be filed in the United States Court, open to public inspection, and to counter-affidavits, at least a month before the certificate of naturalization should issue. He should not vote at any election within a year after such certificate is issued. The fact of any naturalization, (together with a copy of the new citizen's application, of his oath of allegiance to the United States, (forswearing allegiance to his native country,) of the description of his person—in short, copies of all the papers in the case—should be certified to the Secretary of State, to be filed in the Department of State. The Secretary of State should transmit certified copies of all these to the United States Minister, accredited to the country whence the new citizen emigrated, with instructions that the Minister should notify the Government of such country of the fact of such naturalization, at the same time handing to it copies of the papers in the case—as showing warrant for the naturalization.

The intention to the other country would be but decent international courtesy. If, we take a citizen of Switzerland, or a subject of Prussia, and transform him into a full-fledged citizen of the United States of America, surely it is but a polite, proper and fair thing to notify the other nation concerned of the fact! At present we fling insults into the face of the nations, by the outrageous way in which we permit our certificates of naturalization—signed in blank, and by the ream—to pass into circulation. They are a thing to be purchased in the market, and at so cheap a rate that anybody can afford the luxury. Therefore the nations are right when they refuse to accept them as proof of United States citizenship.

Again, if the record of any naturalization were on file in the Department of State and at the capital of the other nation concerned, it would be of vast benefit as a thing of reference and evidence in case of controversy where the issue involved the question of citizenship. At present, there are a multitude of such controversies constantly arising, always pending, almost never settled. Of course a majority of these are never heard of in the United States, for it is in foreign countries that they arise, before foreign authorities that they are presented, and it is by these that they are decided.

Now, under the system that I suggest, such questions would very seldom arise, and say and all that would come up would be speedily and satisfactorily adjudicated. I hardly need to add that the system would be a godsend to United States Consuls. It would not only relieve them of much vexation and embarrassment by lessening the number of cases where they are asked to intervene, but also by giving them solid ground on which to stand, either in refusing to intervene, or, where warranted, in pressing their intervention.

The Republican Party has many and strong incentives for inaugurating the reform demanded. Among them are—that it would be for the general welfare; that it would be a great boon to naturalized citizens, since it would tend to a better protection to them outside of United States jurisdiction, and again that it would be a great stroke of party policy and foresight, since it would make more assured its future triumphs at the polls. One would suppose that these considerations would appeal irresistibly to every Republican member of Congress.

Besides, there is a fine chance for something better than spread-eagle buncomb for such members as have a super-sufficiency of wordy eloquence. Let such descant on the sanctity of the ballot-box on the one hand, and on the practicability on the other hand, by making naturalizations *bona fide*, of properly protecting naturalized citizens the world over. Indeed, if the name of "American citizen" is the proud thing we are in the habit of flattering ourselves that it is, if it be the modern equivalent of the old "Civis Romanus Sum," we should guarantee its possessor the security and dignity which belong to it.

Judicious legislation upon the question will not alienate from the party any portion of the "foreign vote." All intelligent naturalized citizens will hold their acquired citizenship as a thing of more worth than they do now, nor will a stricter law, with stricter enforcement, be obnoxious to the intelligent among aliens who may thereafter desire to become citizens. They will see that it will enhance their dignity at home, and their dignity and security abroad. Besides, with a better-guarded system we could well afford to dispense with the one or two years of the period of previous residence in the country now required, and to dispense altogether with the declaration of intention to become a citizen.

I had no thought of writing at such length when I began. And yet I have but imperfectly touched upon that branch of the subject which proposed to write about, while I have allowed myself to refer to some that I did not intend to treat of. If I did not hope that some of the suggestions made would be of some use I would not have written at all on the subject.

Your obedient servant,
CHAS. A. PAGE,
United States Consul.

SMUGGLED BOOKS.

An Extensive Transaction in Imported Literature and its Results—Immense Seizure—Names of the Firms Concerned and the Amounts Involved.

From the Cincinnati Commercial, Jan. 11.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 11, 1869.

Several weeks ago it was announced that large seizures of imported books had been made in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee and other points in the West, and paragraphs in the local papers, which have from time to time been copied into the New-York journals, have served to keep alive the interest in the subject. None of the statements thus far made, however, have given a connected narrative of the affair, or properly represented its importance of the full extent of the fraud attempted upon the Government, and I must therefore ask leave to give the readers of the TIMES the benefit of facts connected with the case which have lately come into my possession.

During the Fall of 1867 some of the houses in New-York, which are the most largely engaged in the importation of English works, found to their surprise that the Western market had been partially supplied with London publications, at such rates as warranted the suspicion that the payment of duties had been to a certain extent evaded, and, at the same time, publishers of American copyright books learned that English editions of these works, in small lots, had been disposed of at various points; for the most part within easy reach of the Canadian frontier. A little inquiry developed the fact that parties in Montreal had been quite active in this illegal traffic; but, as they had disposed of their wares, and got safely home again before the nature of their illegal transactions was fully developed, it was, of course, useless to endeavor to institute proceedings against them. Encouraged by their success, the same parties determined to venture more boldly than ever last season, and early in the Summer Mr. HENRY J. SHAW, of Montreal, made his appearance in England and at once opened negotiations with the leading publishers and booksellers in London, Edinburgh, Dublin and Glasgow. Mr. SHAW'S legitimate business in Montreal was that of an auctioneer, and it was pretty generally understood in London that his personal responsibility was very limited. The plausibility of his representations, and the success he had already had in "running the blockade" upon the Canadian frontier, proved a better stock in trade than double the amount of hard cash which he might have taken with him would have been, as the result proved. I have reliable information that the parties named below sold him to the extent represented by the amounts opposite their names:

W. P. Nimmo	£1,992	William Tegg & Co.	£668
Bell & Daldy	1,668	Frederick Warne	230
G. Routledge & Sons	600	W. & R. Chambers	621
Strahan & Co.	350	W. Collins & Co.	400
Charles Griffin & Co.	344		

Here is an aggregate of nearly £10,000 sterling, and there are smaller amounts, I believe, which run up the sum total of SHAW'S purchases to $60,000 or more in gold. The most remarkable part of the transaction was that SHAW was perfectly free in stating his proposed plan of operations. One house in your City, I am told, received a letter from their London house stating that he called on them and offered to give an order, alleging that he had a cheaper way of selling goods in the United States than that of sending them through the Custom-house; and still another house in New-York also received definite information regarding SHAW'S operations from its London correspondent, which it filed early in November at the Treasury Department. These facts prove that during the Summer this new scheme for running the blockade was common talk in London, but the figures above show that neither SHAW'S want of pecuniary responsibility nor the great risk involved in his proposed plan of operations were sufficient to counterbalance the temptation offered by the chance of selling bills ranging from £500 to £2,000. Another very curious feature of the transaction is that at least one of the houses involved in it has a branch of its own in your City, while nearly all of them are represented by special agents in the leading Eastern cities, who, they fully understand, order with reference to the Western market as well as their own. Some of the London publishers, with a degree of honesty and prudence which the firms named in the above list doubtless wish that they had imitated, refused to have any dealings with SHAW, but, after all, he was eminently successful in procuring stock, in some cases on terms from ten to fifteen per cent better than are given to the most reliable American firms, and shipped the bulk of it to Montreal in August last by the sailing vessel *John Bull*. It all arrived at its destination in custom, packed in over two hundred large cases, and these were all forwarded by the Grand Trunk Railway to Port Huron, Mich., so that they arrived there on Nov. 3, the day of the Presidential election. SHAW had calculated with wonderful accuracy upon the ignorance of the United States revenue officers at that point, and their preoccupation with political affairs, for they acquiesced without question in the valuation which he put upon his goods. This immense shipment, the value of which in London at net prices, was in the neighborhood of $60,000, SHAW swore was worth just $9,277 80, (how exact that 80 cents made it,) and he paid the twenty-five per cent duty required by law, which amounted to $1,350 instead of the $17,000 or $18,000, which he should properly have paid. The following figures, which are given in a Cincinnati paper, will show you how SHAW estimated the price of his books when they were going through the hands of the Custom-house officers: 40 sets Lodge's Portraits, 6 volumes in a set, invoiced at $4 for the whole 240 volume; retail price in London, 8s. per volume; 40 sets Burke's Works, 9 volumes, invoiced at $4 for the 360 volumes, retail price in London, 9s. 6d per volume; 20 sets Swift's Works, 2 volumes, invoiced at $6 50, retail price 21s. per set; 25 Beautiful Leaved Plants, invoiced at $12, retail price, 21s. each; 18 Ferns, invoiced at $3 20, retail price, 21s. each; 10 Queens of England, 6 volumes, invoiced at $3 50, retail price 30s. 9 set; 16 Book of Gems, 8 volumes, invoiced at $3 70, retail price, 42s. 9 set; 26 Poultry Book, invoiced at $2 60, retail price, 10s. each; 19 Wilson's Tales, 10 volumes, invoiced at $1 90, retail price, 30s. 9 set; 70 Gallery of Nature, invoiced at $14, retail price, 18s. each; 25 Book of Days, 2 volumes, invoiced at $4, retail price, 24s. 6d. each.

Then, too, with a family which was remarkable not only in SHAW, but in those who sold to him as well, nearly every box had in it some American copyright books. For instance, BELL & DALDY'S invoice alone included 44 copies of Webster's Quarto Dictionary; 24 Longfellow's Poems, quarto, illustrated; 12 sets of Emerson's Works, and 10 sets of Irving's Works. Some of Bancroft's History of the United States were also discovered in the invoice of another bookseller.

But the books were over the border at last, and having passed the Custom-house they were promptly forwarded to their destinations, some to Milwaukee and other points of minor importance, but much the larger part to Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis. SHAW himself went first to Cincinnati, and having secured the services of a responsible auction firm, promptly made preparations to clear out his stock. On Nov. 15, he advertised in the leading daily papers "$40,000 worth of English books from the leading publishing houses of London, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dublin," naming Nov. 18 and 14 as the days upon which the stock might be examined, and fixing the following Monday, Nov. 16, for the commencement of the sale. The auction-room was, of course, crowded, and some of the leading booksellers of Cincinnati, on examining the stock, were surprised to discover, in considerable quantities, the English editions of American copyright books, to which reference has been made. The facts were at once telegraphed to the various Eastern publishing houses whose books were represented, and they promptly advised the seizure of the works, and sent on a representative to look after their interests. Collector NESS, of Cincinnati, who had throughout manifested a praiseworthy vigilance and promptness, at once took possession of the copyright books, and, determined to sift the matter to the bottom, telegraphed to Port Huron for particulars of the entry of the books there. He received in reply that 205 cases had been passed by the Custom-house officers on Nov. 4, at the valuation named above, and after paying duties which would have been ridiculously inadequate to any class of goods which paid the Custom-house tariff, the goods were released from custody, Collector NESS having retained only all the books, and telegraphed to Washington for instructions. Information had meanwhile been received that from an entirely independent source, the Treasury Department, which the book smugglers had repented, and of the parties engaged in the operation, Assistant Secretary SHAW found no obstacles thrown in his way from Washington.

Meanwhile, SHAW had been pushing about his auction sale with an energy which proved his pecuniary [illegible] for all results. His enterprise was of course aggravated by the seizure of the copyright books, and by the complaints which he was constantly plied by the members of the book trade who had all the time been suspicious of his product. However, the sale of the English books proceeded for one evening, and on the following day (Nov. 17) not only were the books at Cincinnati seized, but the Consumer at Sandusky, Chicago and St. Louis also took possession of the stock which had arrived at those points. SHAW'S private papers had meanwhile been seized at Cincinnati, and they disclosed nearly all the facts given above, while they also exhibited his own guilt beyond the shadow of a doubt. In his correspondence was found letters to some of his relatives, boasting that he had not $100,000 worth of books into the United States almost clear of duty, and the congratulations of his friends upon his exploit were sincere and hearty.

Although brought to grief temporarily, Mr. SHAW and his friends were not disposed to give up the struggle altogether, and through some means or other secured a prompt examination of the books seized in Milwaukee. As nearly as I can estimate, there were at that point between $15,000 and $20,000 worth. These were appraised at a trifle over $4,000, and a bond for some $4,500 having been given, they were surrendered to the claimants, who have sold the larger part if not all of them by this time, clearing enough, probably, to compensate them for some of their losses elsewhere.

Parties from Montreal, acting for the English publishers direct, also promptly visited Washington and represented that some of their clients, at least, had sold to SHAW innocently, and that the goods which had been consigned to them had been allowed to go out of the bonded warehouse in Montreal by mistake, and that they were not to have been delivered to SHAW until he had given security for their value. A suspension of proceedings against the books was thus secured, but only temporarily, for the examination of the invoices of the books sold to SHAW by these very parties not only revealed the fact that the boxes were all marked in London for points in the United States, but that they all contained larger or smaller quantities of American copyright books—slight irregularities, which were of themselves sufficient to indicate a curious degree of carelessness on the part of the shipping clerks of the houses in question. Gen. WARD, United States District-Attorney, who came here from Cincinnati shortly after the order to suspend proceedings was given, called the attention of the Government to these and various other facts developed from SHAW'S private papers. The order to suspend proceedings was accordingly at once removed, and if the English publishers have any claim for redress, they will have to enforce it as their blockade-running brethren did during the war, by bringing action against the Government through the Courts.

This is a plain statement of this extraordinary case, as far as it has progressed. It carries its own moral, and can, too, when the English booksellers will be quick to appreciate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Gen. Rousseau's Politics and Principles.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Most of the papers in their obituary notices of the late Major-Gen. ROUSSEAU, speak of him as a Democrat, and some of them represent him as openly affiliating with rebels. Democracy and secession were the two things he hated most; he could not bear to be called a Democrat, and he had no patience with rebel principles. He had no convictions in common with either; and he has often expressed to me his regret that his affiliation with Mr. JOHNSON, at the commencement of his administration, should have led to his being misunderstood. He supported Mr. JOHNSON earnestly in his reconstruction views, but never failed to express his regret that the President had not displayed zeal and vigor in enforcing the plan of Congress after his veto had been rejected. Gen. ROUSSEAU held to his own views, but as an executive officer he enforced those of Congress. He did not enforce them harshly, but all knew that his measures at New-Orleans were effective. He spent several days at my house just before leaving for his command, and among the last things he said to me were assurances that he meant to vigorously enforce the regulations of Congress. "There won't be any riot on election day," he said. "Don't be afraid of that. I mean to have peace there or hang somebody. I mean to execute the laws, but I am not going to prosecute anybody. This war is a national, not a personal affair; I have no animosities to heal or personal enemies to forgive; and I am for the country and not any State."

Gen. ROUSSEAU never affiliated with the Democrats. He was a Whig and a CLAY emancipator in 1849; a Know-Nothing in 1856, though after the riots of that year in Louisville, he denounced and abandoned the party; he announced his intention to raise troops for the Union on the night of April 14, 1861, the night of the fall of Sumter—three days before Mr. LINCOLN called for them. The circumstances were as follows: On the night in question I was in the Associated Press office, at Louisville—the only Union man in a party of eight or ten acquaintances. BEARTON DUNCAN, a prominent citizen, was present, and while all were waiting for the final news, he regaled the party with displays of his authority from Montgomery to raise a brigade of Kentucky troops for the rebel army. When the telegram announcing the surrender of Fort Sumter came and was read aloud by the agent, DUNCAN jumped to his feet exclaiming, "Gentlemen, I pronounce this Union adjourned *sine die*." As I left the room I met ROUSSEAU, to whom I told the news, and repeated DUNCAN'S remark. The news did not surprise him, nor did DUNCAN'S remark vex him as it did me. He only said, "BLAYE'S mistaken. He and his brigade will be begging their way home in a year or two. As for his troops, I'll raise two regiments for the Government to his one for the rebels." A month after this he wrote me from Frankfort that he could get no satisfaction from the General commanding at Cincinnati, and he intended going to see Mr. LINCOLN in person to secure authority to raise troops in Kentucky. A year after this, he announced in a speech at a banquet given at Louisville in his honor, that he favored the abolition of slavery as necessary to the restoration of the Union, but the language was so strong that the Louisville papers did not publish it. He was the first man, with the exception of Gen. NEGLEY, of Pennsylvania, in ROSECRANS' army, to suggest the arming of negroes. Subsequently he commanded a larger force of negro troops than any other officer in the West.

Gen. ROUSSEAU'S chief fault consisted in the fact that he was not a good hater, and was too uncompromising in his friendships. He had no malice in his nature; his easily-aroused anger was soon over, and he would then laugh at what had previously made him swear. He never could do enough for his friends. He was as ardent in his things as a boy, and half his great energy was spent in building the fortunes of his friends and relatives, at the sacrifice of his own.

Other papers speak of his brothers in the rebel army. He had no brothers who were rebels. His brother QUINCY was on his staff during the war. ROGERS, another brother, was a loyal man, and was appointed Minister to one of the Central American States by Mr. LINCOLN. His son Rousseau was also in the army. His son-in-law, Gen. Lewis D. WARRINER, of Georgia, was also in the Union army, and died a year ago at New-Orleans as suddenly as the General did a few days ago.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Plan for a Return to Specie Payments.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Let Congress exercise its constitutional prerogative, to wit: "Coin money and fix the value thereof," so that it shall be in harmony with the present legal currency of the country. Let the value of the coined dollar be equal to four francs of the French coinage, so that our five-dollar gold coin will be of exactly the same fineness and weight as the twenty-franc piece of France.

With this coin the Government may immediately commence paying its greenbacks. As gold and paper will then be of the same value, there will be no run for gold. The amount now in the Treasury will be amply sufficient to commence with, and it will flow in faster than it will be drawn out. Present values of labor or commodities will not be perceptibly affected. Adjustmentsing contracts which have been entered into on the basis of our present currency, will mature without working injustice to either party. Gold speculation, that curse to all legitimate business, will immediately cease. Many millions of dollars, now held for this purpose alone, will flow into the Treasury or the banks.

The tariff should be minimally raised thirty-three per cent, to take effect on consumption, and then Customs may be collected in gold or greenbacks, indiscriminately. The interest on our gold-bearing bonds will generally be received in greenbacks, for they will be as good as gold, the difference in the rate of interest being equitably adjusted.

Thus the great problem of specie resumption, which has so long loomed up fearfully on our horizon, may be resolved without the slightest revulsion in any department of business or industry.

Our creditor class suffered great wrong when our currency was first inflated, but this cannot now be avoided by deflation. The vital question is, what is stability. The value of currency should be fixed by the volume was determined.

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Respectfully yours,
SHIRLEY DARE.

"Le Patrie" and Mr. Gladstone.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your cable dispatches this morning announce that *La Patrie*, of Paris, in publishing Mr. GLADSTONE'S letter to myself, "condemns the acknowledgment made therein as humiliating England in the presence of America, and as likely to produce no little irritation of feeling against the Premier among his own countrymen."

I do not deem it necessary to undertake any defence of Mr. GLADSTONE—still less for so magnanimously acknowledging that he had made a mistake in his estimate of our nation, and of the mighty struggle through which it had to pass during the great rebellion. Least of all should I feel called upon to defend any friend of the United States from an assault by *La Patrie*. That journal has never lost an opportunity to hurt us. It was one of the loudest in its cry, "On to Mexico," even at the expense of a war with the United States, which it hoped to see brought about.

It has been bitter in its hostility to the Liberal Party in England, especially to its great and large-hearted leader.

So far from seeing a fulfillment of its evil prophecy of "irritation of feeling against the Premier among his own countrymen," *La Patrie* will be more likely to find that Mr. GLADSTONE'S manly and generous sentiments toward the United States will be applauded by all candid and intelligent Englishmen. The time has gone by in England for hostility to America. It is no longer the fashion, even among the ruling classes of Great Britain, to speak in opprobrious or stigmatizing terms of the American Republic or the American people. The editor of *La Patrie* cannot understand how a great statesman can afford to be honest; how the ruler of an Empire can tell the truth like other people; but he has seen so little of this way of doing business in his own country that it is hardly to be wondered at. There, OUTCRY has been now mistaken.

But New and better days are before the two Anglo-Saxon nations. They and their statesmen and citizens dare talk boldly, fairly to each other. They dare do something better still—deal honestly with each other; and when they have done wrong, own it honestly and make amends.

Respectfully,
C. EDWARDS LESTER.
NO. 72 THIRD-AVENUE, Jan. 16, 1869.

Gen. Kilpatrick's Letter.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In Gen. KILPATRICK'S letter to Hon. JOHN HILL, published in your issue of this morning, I read as follows:

"When our great Freedom fell . . . one universal cry of heartfelt grief went up from every home in Chili; all places of business were closed, and the *Te Deum* was sung in all the cathedrals of the Republic."

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NEWARK, N. J., Saturday, Jan. 16, 1869.

Gift to Louisiana of a Site for a Capitol by Mrs. Gaines.

The following is a copy of a letter addressed by Mrs. MYRA CLARK GAINES to the General Assembly of Louisiana, generously offering to the State a site for a State House:

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I beg to tender, through you, as a donation to the State of Louisiana, for the erection of a State House, that slightly-situated lot of ground in this city, bounded by Orleans, St. Anna, Rocheblave and Fifth streets.

This parcel of ground is deemed exceedingly valuable for its dryness and for its salubrity of climate, being some five feet in elevation above the ground upon which the St. Charles Hotel stands, and in contiguous proximity to the Capitol. The vital consideration of a public nature is its salubrity. The value of the ground would be secondary. The value of the ground would be secondary to the volume was determined.

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was filed in February, 1862. The State of Missouri contends that the State of Kentucky, since Jan. 1, 1820, has unlawfully claimed and exercised jurisdiction over Wolf Island, in the Mississippi River, forming a part of the territory of the State of Missouri. It is alleged that the States are bounded at the point in question by the main channel of the river, and that the island was at the time their boundaries were fixed, and still is, on the Western of Missouri side of the channel. The bill prays that the rightful boundaries in respect of the island may be ascertained and established by the decree of the Court, and that the jurisdiction and sovereignty of Missouri may be recognized and her title to the island quieted; and that Kentucky be enjoined from any further exercise of authority or jurisdiction in the premises. Gov. Magoffin, on behalf of the State of Kentucky, in January of the same year, filed answer, setting up that the State of Kentucky, since her admission into the Union, has always claimed Wolf Island to be within her territorial limits and jurisdiction, as derived from the State of Virginia, of which she originally formed a part. The answer avers that the Island lies opposite to and forms a part of Hickman County, an ancient county of the State, and that it has been held and exercised by the citizens and officers of the State, who have exercised the rights and privileges appertaining to the State, by the payment of taxes and the exercise of the elective franchise. It also appears from the answer that in 1861 a resident of the island was elected to the Lower House of the General Assembly of the State, and took his seat therein during the session of 1861-2, and that the island was entered in the proper office in Virginia as Virginia land lying within the territorial limits of the State as early as 1783. Also, that in January, 1836, the Legislature of Kentucky passed an act to protect the interest and rights of the citizens of this island, among others within the limits of the State, and that in February, 1837, another act was passed by which the inhabitants were appointed to take a census of all the islands of the State in the Mississippi, including the island in controversy, and which was designated in the act as No. 8, and known as Wolf Island, and a sale thereof was subsequently made, under the authority of the act, to the owners now claiming this island. The answer denies that the island ever was within the territorial limits of the State of Missouri, and all the other allegations of the complaint. Evidence has been taken in the case from time to time since Slater was joined, and the Commissioner, for this purpose, still remains engaged. The matter was now before the Court on a motion to modify an order previously made as to the admissibility of certain evidence in the case. Many distinguished counsel have appeared in and went out of the case, for death or otherwise, among whom was Hon. John J. Crittenden, who originally represented Kentucky, and Hon. John W. Wolf, later deceased, who originally appeared for Missouri. The counsel now conducting the case are, for Missouri, R. A. Hansom, B. H. Boyd, H. Gamble, Barry, R. A. Dick; for Kentucky, Beverly Johnson, Henry Stanbery and Garrett Davis.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge Brady.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Paris Peace Conference has closed its sessions. It recommends Greece to yield the point regarding Crete in accordance with the Sultan's ultimatum, and to submit to the decision of the Courts the case of the Turkish Admiral and the Greek steamer *Enosis*. The last point of the ultimatum regarding international law is to be withdrawn by Turkey. Intelligence from Athens indicates that Greece is actively preparing for war.

Trouble has broken out on the frontier of Asiatic Turkey between the Persians and the Turks. In consequence the Turkish Ambassador has withdrawn from Teheran, and Persia is massing troops on the border.

There have been more riots in various parts of Italy, occasioned by the attempts of the authorities to collect the odious mill tax. The military have been called out, and many rioters killed. The country, at the last accounts, however, was tranquil.

Mr. CHARLES DICKENS published a card in the London papers of yesterday, stating that the widow of his brother was never in Chicago, but is now alive and well in England.

GENERAL.

A Convention of the Superintendents of the leading railroads in the South has just been held in New-Orleans. Mutual arrangements were made whereby speed will be increased and the cost diminished alike for shippers of freight and those who travel. The railroads represented in the Convention were the Mobile and Ohio, Memphis and Ohio, Memphis and Charleston, Mississippi Central, Mississippi and Tennessee, and New-Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroads.

The Militia bill just passed by the Legislature of Tennessee gives the Governor arbitrary power to call out any force of the militia at his will, and to declare martial law wherever he pleases in the State. A dispatch says that the Governor will certainly act at once, and many days will not elapse before black and white militia will be placed in the field. The Ku-klux outrages still continue in various portions of the State.

Gen. SHERMAN telegraphed to headquarters at Washington, on Saturday, the latest report from Gen. SHERIDAN of the progress of the war in the Indian territory. This is an important document. It states that the destruction of the Comanche village by Col. EVANS' command, on Christmas Day, was the final blow to the backbone of the rebellion. A delegation of the chief fighting men of the Arrapahoes and Cheyennes came to Fort Cobb at midnight on the 31st, and begged for peace and for permission for their people to come in. They reported the tribes in mourning for their losses, their people starving, their dogs eaten up and no buffalo, and all ready to surrender unconditionally. Gen. SHERIDAN denies the statement made by the Indian Agents that Black Kettle's band were on their reservation at the time they were attacked.

The State Temperance Convention will be held in Rochester on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. On the evening of the first day (to-morrow) there will be an address of welcome by JAMES B. HAYES, response by Hon. BENJAMIN JOY, of Penn Yan, and another address by Rev. Dr. LORE, of Auburn. And on Wednesday evening there will be an address by Rev. B. I. IVES, of Auburn. The Good Templars are expected to attend to-morrow evening's meeting in full regalia.

Many of the tax-payers of Columbia and Charleston, S. C., have taken measures to test the legality of the assumption by the State of the payment of the bills of the bank of the State, and to prevent the issue of bonds for their redemption. They dispute the validity of the act authorizing Gov. SCOTT to issue bonds of the State upon the surrender of the bills.

The Republican legislative caucus at Albany to nominate a United States Senator, held Saturday evening, was attended by a large crowd, including the Republican members of both Houses. On the second ballot ELIHU B. FENTON was declared the nominee, he receiving 83 and E. D. MORGAN 40. The result of the first ballot was not announced, but it is stated that it stood: For FENTON, 50; and for MORGAN, 43. The nomination of Gov. FENTON was made unanimous.

The Detroit Post says that the small-pox is now very prevalent and very virulent in the Western cities. A hundred deaths a day have been reported in Cincinnati; it is declared to be as epidemic in St. Louis; it is scourging Chicago, though nothing is said about it in the newspapers; and in Milwaukee the public schools and the rink have been closed in consequence, and the shutting up of the theatres, concert saloons, and other places of amusement, and the saloons, has been discussed.

Several members of the Maine Legislature, who supported Mr. MORRILL in the late caucus for United States Senator, have published a card, in which they say that, according to all precedent, Mr. HAMLIN was nominated, and that they will support him at the coming election. There were seventy-five votes cast for Mr. HAMLIN, seventy-four for Mr. MORRILL, and one was blank.

Dr. W. H. H. HOWARD, of West Fairlee, Vt., while on his way home from New-York, was robbed by pickpockets in the New-Haven depot, on Friday night, of large sums of money. He had with him when he started from New-York nearly $50,000 in bonds and greenbacks. These he had stowed away in pocket-books which he carried in shipment pockets of his coats. The thieves jostled against him while he was getting into the cars, and, as was afterward discovered, cut his pockets partially out. They succeeded in getting two pocket-books, one containing $14,000 in Government bonds, and the other $8,500 in greenbacks. The book which they did not manage to get hold of contained $10,500 in greenbacks.

MICHAEL McDONALD, *alias* Andrew D. Stanley, the "confidence man," who defrauded the Hartford (Conn.) Trust Company, a little over a month ago, out of $4,000, has been arrested at his father's house in Le Chene, Canada.

Gen. SHERMAN has just returned to Savannah from another visit to the Ogeechee. He reports all quiet, and that the remainder of the negroes for whose arrest warrants have been issued have disappeared from the neighborhood, and that no further arrests have been made.

Several days ago, the People's National Bank, in Pittsburg, Penn., was robbed of $12,000 by some adroit and daring thief, who abstracted a small tin box containing the amount from the safe. The affair has been kept quiet, in the hope that some clue might be obtained to the perpetrator; but, although the officers of the bank have been making every exertion to ferret out the thief, and have had the assistance of experienced detectives, nothing satisfactory has as yet been discovered.

The annual report of the Registrar of Vital Statistics shows that during the year, ending on the 1st of October, 25,459 deaths occurred in this City and 9,615 in Brooklyn. These figures show a slight increase over those of the previous year.

The members of the "Morning Star" Sunday School, who for some time past have met in one of the halls of Pike's Opera House, yesterday found the doors of the hall closed against them, by order of the proprietor of the building.

Cotton was less active and cheaper on Saturday. Breadstuffs were moderately dealt in; Corn was stronger in price. Provisions quiet; Lard and Hogs lower. Groceries in less demand. Moderate freight engagements were reported, with 541 vessels of all classes in port.

The Government and the Telegraph—As Unjust and Foolish Project.

When the Telegraph was invented and the attempt made to bring it into use in this country, it was offered to the Government for $100,000. The Government had no faith in it, and refused to buy it. It thus became a matter of necessity for Prof. MORSE, in order to avail himself of his own invention, to dispose of it to private individuals. He enlisted a few men of foresight and enterprise in the matter,—private companies were formed of men who put their money into it, the telegraph became more and more popular and useful, until now a very great number of our people have invested their property in it, just as they would have done in railroads, in steamboats or in anything else which promised in return a fair rate of profit.

And *now*, after its success has been demonstrated at private expense, and after millions of dollars have been invested in it by our people, when it has become an essential instrument in carrying on the business and correspondence of the world, Congress is urged to make it a Government affair and to go into the business of telegraphing in competition with the private companies who are already engaged in it, and for the avowed purpose of underbidding and breaking them down.

This seems to us a dishonest and outrageous proposition. It is so grossly unjust to the parties already engaged in the business, and in such flagrant violation of private rights that Congress ought not to listen to it for a moment. Our Government might just as well go into any other business, for the purpose of breaking down private enterprise, as into this. It might just as fairly build and run a line of steamers to convey the mails across the Atlantic, in competition with the lines already established, as to build, equip and operate lines of telegraph for a kindred purpose. It might as well build and run, at the Government expense, a railroad from New-York to Boston or to Buffalo, as a telegraph line from New-York to Washington. Yet the proposal to do either of those things would be universally denounced and scouted as an outrageous invasion of private rights, and a flagrant assault on private interests.

The sole plea urged in excuse for such a proceeding is the utility of *reducing the cost* of telegraphing to those who wish to use it. That is an important object doubtless. It is desirable to have cheap telegraphing,—but it is also very desirable to have a great many other things cheap. Cheap food and cheap clothing,—cheap bread and cheap shoes, cheap books and cheap houses are very important things, and the need of them is much more widely and sharply felt than is the need of cheap telegraphing. But, so far as we are aware, the Government has not felt impelled to go into the manufacture of any of these articles in order to make them cheap.

There are a good many things which are conceded to be desirable, but which the Government does not feel bound or at liberty to furnish. The functions of Government are of a different sort, and lie in a different direction. It has always been held in this country that Governments should interfere with the ordinary business operations and necessities of its citizens just as little as possible,—and never for their injury. Its business is to encourage and protect the developments of private energy and enterprise,—never to make war upon and break them down. And the maxim is just as good in its application to this specific form of private enterprise, as to any other.

The plea is that, because the Government absorbs and carries on the *postal* business, it may and should absorb and carry on the kindred business of telegraphing also. The two kinds of business are so diverse in their principles and modes of working, that the argument is utterly inconclusive. They agree only in this, that their common object is to carry messages,—to convey information. But that, in a still larger sense, is also the business of newspapers. Why, then, should not the Government, in order to make its scheme complete, start newspapers in every considerable town, and thus break down all private rivalry and monopolize the business in its own hands?

We do not believe that the Government could possibly carry on the business of telegraphing as efficiently, as cheaply or as much for the interest and satisfaction of the public as it can be carried on by private enterprise and in business hands. It would inevitably become a party machine, just as the Postal business has been and still is: and as it requires special training for its proper performances, the attempt to subordinate the necessity for such training to the necessities of a political party would be fatal to the whole scheme. The work would be badly done, and it would be very dear to the public treasury, however cheap it might be made to appear to those who might use it.

But if Congress is unwise enough to enter upon such an undertaking, let it do so honestly. Let it do as Great Britain proposes to do, and as every other nation under the same circumstances has done, buy the lines of companies that have put their money into the business, and neither seize them by flagrant robbery nor break them down by an unequal, unfair and unjust competition. There is no public interest which demands any transfer of the business to the Government,—and there is no principle of justice or of honor which would not be outraged by such a change as the one proposed.

The United States Senator.

The contest for United States Senator was ended on Saturday by the nomination of Ex-Gov. FENTON over Ex-Gov. MORGAN. Beyond all doubt he will be elected to-morrow, and then this exciting struggle, the cause of a good deal of angry feeling, will come to a close. Mr. MORGAN will probably retire to private life, and Mr. FENTON represents the State of New-York in the United States Senate, for the next six years.

Gov. FENTON is not, in any sense of the word, a statesman; but he is, in every sense of the word, an adroit, persevering and successful politician. He knows how to enlist other men in his service and attach them to his fortunes. He is quick to discern the drift of public sentiment, and ready always to go with it. He has very considerable skill in administration and seldom makes glaring mistakes, while he never achieves any very striking or brilliant intellectual success. He is a man of fair abilities, pleasing manners, and well skilled, by nature and experience, in political navigation. Without giving the office of Senator any special *éclat*, or winning for the State any fresh distinction in that office, he will be industrious, painstaking and popular.

We have no doubt that he more accurately represents the dominant political sentiment of the Republican Party in the State than his opponent. Although the word "radical" has lost much of its distinctive meaning of late, there is still a marked difference between the Republican sentiment of the country districts and that of this City. The former is more bitter, more extreme, and less tolerant in everything relating to slavery, and the rebellion; and as this distinction has ceased to be of any importance so far as *principles* or measures are concerned, it becomes all the sharper and more marked when *men* are concerned. Mr. MORGAN was through all the early part of his political life, a friend of Gov. SEWARD and Mr. WEED, and adhered to that wing of the party which regarded them as its legitimate and proper leaders; and although he has labored very diligently and zealously to shake off all relics of that early association, and has voted and acted quite uniformly with the more radical element, the result shows that his efforts have not been crowned with complete success. Gov. FENTON has been from the beginning a Radical,—*pure & simple*; and the Republican sentiment of the State is with him. Gov. MORGAN was widely charged, furthermore, with favoring JOHNSON's policy and being friendly to the objects and aims of the Philadelphia Convention. This, however, we believe to be a mistake. He voted to sustain the first veto of the Freedmen's Bureau bill; but after that he voted steadily with Congress and against the President. And at the time of the Philadelphia Convention he retired to Newport and took no part whatever, either in it or in the second Convention which immediately followed.

As we said at the outset of this contest, this State is not in the habit of reflecting its Senators. The few instances in which it has done so are exceptions to the rule and were caused by exceptional ability and public service on the part of the incumbent. Since Mr. SEWARD's time no instance of the kind has occurred; nor had there been an instance until his, for some time previous.

Gov. FENTON will have the general sentiment of his party to support him on his entrance into his new office. He will make a fair Senator, and will in all probability, fully meet the expectations of his party friends.

Book-Smuggling—A New Phase of Fraud.

American publishers have so long and meekly borne such epithets as "thieves," "vultures," and "pirates," affixed upon them as a class by their indignantly virtuous British cousins, that they can now hardly be blamed for the temptation to retort upon *some* of their fellow-tradesmen across the water, with the less vigorous, but still unsavory epithet, "smugglers."

The recent wholesale "blockade-running" of English and American books across the Canadian frontier to the Western cities has already been bruited abroad; but, in another column, a correspondent of the TIMES gives the full details of the swindling transaction. The noteworthy points in the affair are that this smuggling of London publications was carried on in the Fall of 1867, and again by wholesale in the Fall of 1868; that the Montreal speculator engaged in it, one SHAW, openly announced his purpose, when he bought his invoices in London; that, though his personal responsibility was known to be very limited, he nevertheless procured, chiefly on credit, more than £10,000 sterling worth of books, and that, too, not from obscure adventurers, but from such well-known houses as BELL & DADDY, ROUTLEDGE & SONS, SEMPKIN & Co., and W. & R. CHAMBERS; and that nearly every box of these blockade-running books contained even some well-known American copyright works—such as *Webster's Quarto Dictionary*, and the works of LONGFELLOW, EMERSON, and BANCROFT.

Of course, our Custom-house officers at Port Huron, Michigan, where the goods were smuggled across, were remiss; for they not only passed the reprints of American books without examination, but they accepted SHAW's own valuation of his boxes, which was just *one-twelfth* of the London prices, and on this twelfth he paid duties. The cunning Montreal book-auctioneer had selected Nov. 8 as the day of their arrival at Port Huron—and, of course, our Custom-house officials there were mostly too busy in settling the politics of the country to attend to professional duties. Forwarded to Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Milwaukee and elsewhere, these books, (worth nearly $100,000 in currency,) were promptly put up at auction; but the consequent glut of the market, together with the appearance of American copyrighted books in the lots, attracted the attention of our publishers, and detection and seizure followed.

All this business has, we say, a very ugly look for the publishers connected with it. Many London publishers, no doubt most of them, would not stoop to engage in it, and some of them, who were applied to, refused to have anything to do with SHAW. Probably even those who are now implicated will maintain their ignorance of his transactions, claiming that they were duped by him, and that at most their fault is in the carelessness of salesmen. But, at best, the whole burden of proof lies on them; and, to clear their business characters, they must bring forward positive proofs of their honesty of intent and perfect integrity in what is a very shabby and disgraceful piece of business.

The Revolution in Japan—Removal of the Capital.

The latest arrival from Japan brings us two very gratifying items of intelligence—the restoration of peace, and the removal of the imperial capital to Yeddo. Both are of special interest to us, as we are more concerned than any other nation in the commerce of those islands, and near enough for the moves occasioned by their earthquakes to reach our shores in sixteen hours.

For years past, our trade, which opened with such golden promise, has been crippled and stunted by intestine commotions, culminating at last in the the civil war between the Northern and Southern Daimios. This was happily concluded by the signature of articles of peace on the 6th of November; and the final adjustment, with the particulars of which we are not yet acquainted, seems to have been characterized by a spirit of humanity quite unusual among Oriental nations. The vanquished chief was not put to death, but assigned a small principality and sent into comparative retirement—treated, in fact, rather better than we have treated Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS. And his followers, instead of being butchered, as was once the fashion, have been allowed to follow their master to his new estates.

The war-cloud has thus lifted its disastrous pall, and the rising sun, the felicitous symbol of the national banner, again shines in the midst of an unclouded firmament. Commerce may be expected to revive, and, instead of a trifling trade in trinkets, the export of teas and silks may reach an enormous figure. In the supply of these great staples, Japan is capable of becoming a formidable rival to China, and it is far from certain that the difference of from seven to ten days in the length of the voyage may not ultimately turn the scale in her favor.

Nor is the situation of the Japanese capital a matter of indifference. It is something for us to know that the Straits of Uraga, which face our Golden Gate, will again become the thoroughfare of an active trade, and that the great city of which they form the entrepôt is destined to become greater than it has ever been.

Abandoned not long ago by the Tycoon, who was compelled to abdicate, a large portion of it reduced to ashes in the conflicts which preceded that event, and still further ruined by the exodus of nobility that followed it, it appeared not unlikely that Yeddo was about to be wiped from the map of the world—at least that it would no longer stand prominent among the world's great capitals. But the last mail brings us the welcome news that its waste places are being rebuilt, its bazaars filled with merchandise, and its lately desolate streets thronged once more with a busy population. The Daimios are returning to their forsaken palaces, and with them that wealth and splendor which made Yeddo the pride of the Empire. Nor is this all. Yeddo is to inherit the glories of Kioto, and be advanced to the full honors of an imperial capital.

But has it not always been an imperial capital? Was it not at the gates of Yeddo that PERRY whispered the "open sesame" which first drew the Japanese from their long seclusion? Was it not in Yeddo that HARRIS, by the mere prestige of the American name, though unsupported by a single armed vessel, succeeded in negotiating the liberal treaty that regulates our present intercourse? And was it not in Yeddo that Ministers of foreign Powers were accustomed to have audience with the Sovereign?

True, but the potentate who resided there was not the Emperor for all that. He wielded the power of the Empire; he was able to "bind his Princes at pleasure," and to pledge the Government for the fulfilment of his obligations. Hence all the treaties ratified by the Tycoon are binding on the supreme authority, by whomsoever it may be exercised. Still he had an acknowledged superior, and when foreign nations learned the fact,—when they became aware, that in the interior of the islands there existed a more splendid Court than that of the Tycoon, and a more august Sovereign, they began to have some misgivings, lest their envoys had made their *solœcisms* to the wrong person, and to fear that things would not be settled on a sure basis, until they could have access to the Mikado. It was with this feeling that Sir HENRY PARKES, something more than a year ago, at the expense of no little peril, penetrated to the Court of the Grand Suzerain. Now, however, by a most remarkable turn in the wheel of fortune, the Tycoon has vanished from the arena, and the Mikado coming from the interior to the sea-coast has established his Court at Yeddo.

This closes a long cycle in Japanese history, and offers a good opportunity for studying the nature of that mysterious duality in the Japanese Government which has proved a puzzle to outside spectators. Now that it exists no longer, we shall perhaps find it less difficult to comprehend.

The Siogoon or Tycoon and the Dairi or Mikado have always been known as the supreme rulers of the Japanese people—the one on the sea-board, the other in the interior; the former wielding the military power, and the latter invested with the honors of a semi-divinity. But what were their relations to each other? Were they like the two Kings of ancient Sparta, coordinate in all respects? Or like the two Kings of Siam, brothers by birth, and distinguished by seniority? Or like the two Emperesses, who at present exercise a joint regency in China?

In the absence of any distinct notion on the subject, the Western public hit on the blundering device of calling one of these potentates the spiritual, and the other the temporal Emperor. That one swayed the actual power, while the other was the object of special veneration, afforded a plausible ground for this distinction; but nothing could be farther from the truth.

The relation of the Siogoon to the Mikado was, indeed, something analogous to that of VICTOR EMMANUEL to the Pope—the Mikado being equally tenacious of his temporal sovereignty, and, as we have just seen, rather more successful in asserting it. But it is not in Italy, nor yet in Lacedæmon, Siam or China, but in France, that we are to look for the exact analogue of the two-headed sovereignty of Japan.

The Merovingian Kings having become depraved and effeminate, in A. D. 687, PIPIN D'HERISTAL was created Mayor of the Palace, "a noble chosen by the nobles, to be the guide and controller of the Sovereign—the leader of the armies in war, and President of the Council in peace." The shadow of royalty was all that was left to his feeble master, who was succeeded in the throne by an equally degenerate progeny, while the children of PIPIN for more than half a century exercised the whole power of the State under the humble title of Mayor of the Palace.

So in Japan, in 1185, GOSTOMO, the Kubosama, or leader of the armies, succeeded in getting the upper hand of the Mikado, fixed his residence at Yeddo, and compelled the nobles to locate their families there as pledges of allegiance. But the old dynasty was too deeply seated in the respect of the people to admit of its subversion. Surrounding the titular Sovereign with empty state, like that of the Great Mogul under British rule in Delhi, he transmitted the sceptre to a line of successors that has lasted through more than sixteen hundred years.

Through all this time, the Tycoons have treated the Mikado with scrupulous ceremony; professing themselves vassals, paying an annual visit of homage to their nominal chief, and wearing with real or affected pride the titles and decorations bestowed by that powerless shadow of the ancient monarchy.

That shadow has now suddenly become a substance, and the vanishing quantity is integrated to its full value. The usurping vassal has fallen, and the Mikado enters on a new career without a rival. He traces his pedigree back to SIMMU, B. C. 660, and his dynasty is, therefore, the oldest in the world. His title of *Tien-huang*, or, as the Japanese pronounce it, *Ten-o*, "Celestial Sovereign," indicates that his authority rests on the religious veneration of his people, as a theocratic ruler; and to this fact it is due that it was not entirely extinguished even by a successful usurpation. The Siogoon or Tycoon, on the contrary, owed his power, as his name indicates, like the *imperator* of the Roman armies, to the acclaim of a victorious soldiery.

Now that the supreme power and the most exalted dignity are united in one person, and that person has fixed his abode at Yeddo, where he will come in contact with the civilization of Christendom, we may regard the present as the beginning of a new era for Japan.

The iron-clad *Stonewall*, so long withheld from the contending factions, will now be delivered to the rightful Sovereign and help to maintain his power. Supported by the countenance of foreign nations, he will be able to abridge the power of the feudal lords, and, by wise statesmanship, to erect out of those disjointed principalities a powerful monarchy—the Britain of the North Pacific.

The Dismemberment of Utah—A Blow at Brigham Young.

The new House bill to diminish the Territory of Utah is the most vigorous attempt yet made to solve the Mormon problem. As Mr. WASHBURN said, it is a bill to "dismember Utah." It slashes into the Territory on all sides—a huge slice here for Colorado, a slice there for Nevada, a slice yonder for Montana and a slice for Wyoming. It is, in fact, a general onslaught upon the territorial expanse of Utah; and whatever contiguous State or Territory may ask to "cut me a gentle off" from BRIGHAM YOUNG's domains, shall have it straightway done.

As a piece of domestic legislation, therefore, this bill of the Committee on Territories is of the highest importance. It will not of itself solve the Mormon problem, but it will march toward the solution; and keen as is the thrust it gives to Mormondom in general, it pierces deeper yet the personal pride and ambitious hope of BRIGHAM YOUNG.

Far more than a fanatic, far more than the head of a new religious sect, or even of an universal Church, BRIGHAM YOUNG is now, as he has for eight-and-thirty years aimed to be, the *head of a State*. He is, and is proud to feel himself, less the leader of a sect than of a people. He calls himself not preacher or prophet, but *President*. We never shall rightly understand Mormonism, still less understand the character of BRIGHAM YOUNG, till we appreciate to the full his claim and his aspiration to the *rôle* of *empire-founder*. In that lies the secret of his sturdy devotion to building up Utah, making the very wilderness to "blossom like the rose."

His hydra-headed proselyting machinery; his missions all over the world—in Great Britain, Sweden, Russia, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, in the Sandwich Islands, in Australia, at the Cape of Good Hope, in the East Indies, in New-Zealand itself; his European system of "conferences" and "districts of conferences," and "branches" and "districts of branches," working as accurately as any direct political government; his home organization of "quorums of the seventies," and quorums of the elders, the priests, the teachers and the deacons; his well-trained and closely-governed "commonwealth" in Utah—all these tend to one end, namely, the perfecting of a grander State of the future, ruled by him or his successor. And hence, one of the Mormon elders has publicly declared that "nowhere can the Mormon movement be so well understood as in its foreign missions. In working out the problem of these, you have the sum of the whole. It is out of them that the Utah commonwealth has grown; for, even after its members emigrate thither, they are but so many organisms of missions brought together into geographical unity; nothing has changed but territory." And, he adds: "They are all one great commonwealth, though scattered throughout the whole earth, and BRIGHAM is as much their *temporal and spiritual* ruler in foreign missions as he is at home."

What is it, then, that Mr. ASHLEY's bill drops for BRIGHAM YOUNG's projects? It seizes on the *lands*, whither he had designed sooner or later to transport millions of his followers for settlement. In his imagination, he has seen Utah a compact, thickly-settled State, amply able to demand admission, if he likes, to the American Union. He has come to regard its hills and valleys as his own, or those of "the Church." He has already brought tens of thousands of settlers to Utah; but with one expression of will he could add probably a quarter of a million to its population within a year, having both the "spiritual authority" to collect his Church throughout the world, and the ready-money to bring them thither.

Upon these very lands which he has designed to be tenanted or owned in future by his own Church, Congress is now preparing to make inroads. Mr. ASHLEY's bill, it is true, does not interfere with the settled portions of Utah; but its main object, as declared by that gentleman, is to so give away its unsettled territory, "that there would not remain enough in Utah to make a State." He even announced that "he originally drew up the bill to blot out Utah," but yielded to the Committee, who thought "the Mormons should not be disturbed where they are." Polygamy is thus treated like the doomed wild beast,—not, indeed, attacked in his lair, but surrounded with a fatal circle of fire.

That BRIGHAM YOUNG has foreseen the possible necessity of giving up, one day, his pretensions to ruling his "commonwealth," his "empire," as an independent political body, is clear. That he has inwardly solved the question soon to be forced upon him by resolving to make Utah a State of the Union, if possible, may be surmised; for no one knows better than he that it is that or ruin for him and his life-long work. He must either mount on the wave of Western progress, or be swamped in it. Nor should we be surprised to learn that, if it came to the worst, he would give up the distinctive features of Mormondom, including polygamy itself, rather than lose all his power. But this new demonstration must alarm him. It is not only a crusade against Mormondom, for that he might have endured, but a direct thrust at his State-founding schemes. The dream of many of his people (perhaps it has been his own) is that BRIGHAM YOUNG will one day be President of a domain as broad as the continent. What will they, what will he, now think, to find the chief part of Utah parcelled away to other Territories, and the remnant that is left "not even enough to make a State?"

State Aid to Charities.

Mr. AYRES, the State Comptroller, in his recent Report makes some very proper remarks on the indiscriminate aid extended to all kinds of charities by the Legislature of our State. Our readers will remember that long list of sectarian and church schools—mostly Roman Catholic—for which the Legislative Supply bill last winter had appropriated such ample donations. The general outcry raised by the whole community induced changes in the bill, and the result obtained was a reasonable one: a certain sum being divided among all the charity day-schools of the State on a fixed ratio of attendance and on certain strict conditions.

Each Winter the Legislature is pressed with large numbers of similar applications, until many of our most thoughtful citizens begin to take ground against any and all aid by the Legislature to public or private charities.

On the other hand, certain members of this body are disposed to assist every charitable society which can by any possibility help their political influence.

The net result is, on the whole, unfavorable to Protestant charities, probably for the reason that members who represent Roman Catholic constituencies, are much more earnest for their own charities than Protestants for theirs, so that the proportion of appropriations, both from the City and State, to the former, are much larger than for the latter, if their relative number be considered.

It seems important, then, that some definite principles should be laid down in regard to State or City aid to charities, so that members may decide on claims presented without reference to sectarian feeling or private sympathy.

We say, then, in the first place, *no aid should be given by City or State to church or sectarian schools*. This country has fairly demonstrated the position that religion and religious instruction flourish better entirely separated from the State. Moreover, the Legislature has no interest that a child should be a Presbyterian, or Methodist or Roman Catholic. Its only care is that each child should become a good citizen. Even further, we may say that the State has an objection to putting education under priestcraft—whether it be the priestcraft of Presbyterians or Jesuits. It should have nothing to do with religious schools as such.

But the question will arise—what is a religious school? We reply, that of necessity any "church school" must be such, or school where a creed is a prominent branch of instruction, or which is confined to a single sect—as, for instance, an Episcopal or Roman Catholic school.

If, on the other hand, children of various religious beliefs attend and are not interfered with in their creed, and the main instruction is intellectual and moral—the manifest object being to make the pupils not better sectarians, but better citizens—then the school comes under other public and general institutions which may fairly claim State aid.

Again, no private or individual charity should receive State aid.

If a man chooses to open a soup-kitchen or an alms-house, or dispensary, he has no claim on public assistance, until at least the enterprise has become established and is put under a responsible incorporated body. The Courts, we believe, have decided that even a large bequest for charities placed in the hands of an individual trustee, is not valid.

A charity, however, may to a certain extent be religious, and have a valid claim to State aid. We will suppose that a certain sect, such as the Episcopalians or Romanists, undertake to gather out of the streets the utterly vagabond and orphan children, and to place them in asylums, and ultimately train them to be good citizens, under their own religious forms. The State is the ultimate source of authority, whereby such charities can be incorporated, and it has an equal power, having founded, to aid in their support. Its sole guide is *bonum publicum*—the public welfare. Knowing the almost impossibility of the public authorities providing sufficiently for this class of orphans and *enfants perdus*, and how dangerous they are to the public safety and good order, it has always, both in England and America, adopted the plan of liberal aid to such institutions—the Legislature reasoning that it is better for the public that a little street vagrant should grow up a Romanist or a sectarian than a criminal or pauper. Moreover, our American legislatures have followed the English precedent and experience, that on a broad scale it is much better for the community to have a certain proportion of its charities under private supervision with public support. Public charities, it is notorious, lack enthusiasm, moral influence, economy and close management. On the other hand, private charities are weak, fluctuating, poor, and want steady support and a firm foundation, and are not sufficiently responsible. By a wise combination of both elements, numbers of the best charities of both England and America have the responsibility and firmness of public institutions, and the individual interest and careful management of private charities.

Accordingly all such institutions as houses of refuge, vagrant asylums, newsboys' lodging-houses, and the like, whether Catholic or Protestant, are doing a work of such absolute necessity, which no others can do, that they have a claim on public support, and yet they are of such a nature that they are better managed by depending in part on private contributions and having private trustees. The same is true, though to a less degree, of orphan asylums. If it be objected that the Legislature is thus laying a tax on municipal taxpayers, the reply is that this for the whole theory of municipal government throughout the State recognizes the right in the Legislature for great public objects, such as turnpikes, railroads, schools, police and charities, of compelling the indifferent or selfish citizens to aid in their support or foundation. In regard to charities which diminish crime and pauperism, there is a peculiar appropriateness that the wealthiest citizens, who are, as a general thing, the most selfish, should be *forced* to care for the community in the proportion of their material interests. And, in all probability, no tax that they pay is returned with such interest to them.

We believe that acting on these broad principles the Legislature may wisely aid, each year, certain charities, and refuse to help certain others, and the community be benefited by both decisions.

MINOR TOPICS.

Now that the Senatorial question is settled we trust that our Legislature will address itself to the business of legislation in earnest. There is a great variety of reforms in all directions to be accomplished, and there is but little time left for their consideration.

We notice that the lawyers are now bringing forward the plea of *kleptomania* in defending cases of theft. It was pleaded in one or two cases a few days ago, and on Saturday last, when two women were arraigned before Justice DOWLING, at the Court of Special Sessions, on three distinct charges of shop-lifting, their counsel pleaded guilty to all for them, but asked that they be remanded, as he would be able to prove that they were victims of *kleptomania*, and deserving of the clemency of the Court. The Magistrate granted the request, being desirous to obtain all possible information on a subject of such deep interest. The popular plea for murder now a days is insanity, and, after the Courts admit *kleptomania* as a plea for stealing, we shall doubtless have somnambulism brought forward as a plea for rape. But, in the meantime, what will become of the Ten Commandments and the criminal code?

The secret history of Mr. SEWARD's negotiations for the purchase of the Island of St. Thomas, are given in a Washington letter in another column. Mr. SEWARD was very persistent in his attempts to obtain the island; but, at the same time, it will be observed that he informed the Danish Government, in the first formal proposition he made on the subject, that it must be understood that any treaty which might be negotiated would "require the constitutional ratification of the Senate." It was fortunate this notice was given, in view of the present attitude of Congress.

A fresh attempt is to be made to change the character of the Croton Aqueduct Board,—removing the present officers and authorizing the Mayor to appoint a new Board. If the Mayor could be relied on to exercise his personal judgment in the matter, and nominate such a Board as his own conviction of the public interests requires, there would be less objection to the change proposed. But the general feeling is that *the Ring* will dictate the nominations and that this is only a step to get the Croton Aqueduct Department under its exclusive control.

A correspondent writing from this City to a Boston newspaper gives the following bit of information:

"Many of the most respectable citizens have organized a vigilance committee in this City, and subordinate lodges have already been organized in several of the wards. When the organization is completed the members propose to give a warm reception to thieves, murderers, incendiaries, &c., the citizens having at last become dissatisfied with the manner in which the Police authorities deal with such criminals."

How much foundation there may be for this statement we are unable to say; but we trust there is none. Our City government is certainly bad enough and there is need enough of some measures to check the impunity which "thieves, murderers and incendiaries" enjoy among us. But a vigilance committee is not needed, and would only aggravate tenfold the worst of the evils from which we suffer already. If our "respectable citizens" will take proper measures to secure that object, they can procure the enactment of laws to relieve the evil, if they cannot cure it altogether. "Lynch" law never failed to do infinitely more harm than good, except possibly in some semi-savage regions where laws have not yet been made or enforced. In such a City as this, it would merely inaugurate the absolute reign of the mob.

We do not now expect to see any comprehensive financial scheme passed into law by the present Congress. The dozen financial measures that have been introduced to the Senate and House, from those of Senators MORRIS and SUMNER to that

ice. On Saturday evening last, Senator MORGAN privately congratulated Gov. FENTON on his success in beating him for the Senatorial nomination. Why did Buzzard say that the days of chivalry were gone?

The World makes a very lame and discreditable attempt to escape the odium of putting words and opinions into the mouth of Gen. GRANT, which he utterly repudiates and brands as shameless and impertinent fabrications. The World pretends that, as Gen. GRANT will not deny that he entertains such opinions, and may at some time or other have given utterance to them, its version of his conversations may, therefore, be correct. It is now generally believed that the World never received this fabricated fabrication from a Washington correspondent at all,—but that it was written in the office, with the two-fold object of calling attention to the paper and exciting animosity between Gen. GRANT and some of his prominent political and personal friends. A newspaper that heeds a resort to such expedients to prolong its existence or promote its prosperity, and is willing to make it, is a discredit to the profession and a nuisance to the public at large.

American women at Washington have learned one lesson in politics which they will be very slow to forget. They have learned when they once get office never to let go their hold upon it. Some little time ago, under the pressure of a temporary emergency, a large number of them obtained employment in the Treasury Department. But the emergency passed away, and then the Secretary, being anxious to economize, dismissed about 150 of them, for whom he had no work whatever to do. At once he was beset, not only by the women themselves, but by the whole force of members of Congress, male relatives and friends in general, to know why he had committed so flagrant an outrage on the rights of the female sex; and being unable to stand the pressure the usual result followed, and the great mass of the women were put back into office forthwith.

The Pope, a fortnight ago, pronounced an allocution denouncing with great bitterness the Spanish Liberals. But it is only a short while ago that he denounced, with the utmost fury, the Austrian Liberals. And a short while before that he furiously denounced the *Italian* Liberals. As Austria and Italy still continue to exist, notwithstanding his maledictions, we can suppose that Spain also may continue to prosper under his wrath.

Three months in the Penitentiary is the sentence passed by Police Justice DOWLING, on a muscular young ruffian, for inhumanly beating his gray-haired, decrepit, and infirm old mother, several times during the last few months. We trust there is plenty of very hard work to be done, and that the living is not over luxurious, at the penal establishment which is to be honored and adorned with his presence.

Hardly a night has passed for many weeks in which our citizens have not had the opportunity of attending one or more scientific lectures by distinguished savans. We do not remember any Winter of late years in which we have had so large an amount of able popular lecturing.

The London *Times* of the 1st inst., in reviewing the business prospects of the New Year, refers to the inducements to adventure and commercial enterprise, which it will offer to ardent minds, foremost among which the Pacific Railroad is mentioned. The *Times* says:

"The completion of the Pacific Railway, which is to be accomplished by July next, and which, through an extent of over 1,000 miles, will bring new regions into the full tide of civilization, and at the same time, perhaps, revolutionize many of the existing relations of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, cannot fail to present openings which will be the commencement of changes that must materially influence the destinies of future generations."

Europe is only now beginning to appreciate the importance of this great American work.

A Spanish pamphlet, advocating the claims of Don CARLOS, styled CHARLES VII., to the Spanish throne, has appeared in Paris. The writer argues that the solution of all Spanish difficulties is in three words, "God, country, king." In arguing against what is called religious liberty he cites the example of the United States as a terrible warning to Spain. Says he:

"What are the United States? What is this people without country and without God? What is this immense bazaar, a vast manufactory, a temple erected to matter as to a deity—nothing else; and if it be anything else let the history of their literature, their fine arts and their moral sciences prove it. Every people has in the incontrovertible expression of its genius, of the elevation of its mind—a poem. Spain, the land of chivalry, be maligned by reputation, etc.—Spain has its Romancero and its Don Quixote. Where is the poem of the United States? Where are their Valasquez, their Murillos, their Juans, their Herreras? Where are their Suares, their Vives, their Granadas? It is a country without art and without poetry, a country of bank-note paper—a country of matter, and not of mind. And such is the model which our ardent patriots set before us! In the name of the Catholic people of Spain, in the name of human intelligence, we reject with all our might such models, and, rather than suffer the loss of our religious unity, we will break, we will pulverize, if it be necessary, poverty?—yes! death, a thousand deaths, if need be."

This is indeed a terrible warning to Spain, as well as to the United States. But then the writer overlooks the fact that if we have no poets and heroes of our own, we are great admirers of the poets and heroes of Spain.

The farmers all over the country are laughing at the absurdity of Mr. GREELEY's latest proposition before the Farmers' Club, for the destruction of the myriads of little insects which spring from the soil and destroy our fruit trees. The remedy offered by GREELEY is salt, with which, we presume, the little fellows are to be strangled, after the fashion of administering Mother Grimes' Flea Powder, viz.: by capturing each individual offender and then forcing a powder down its throat. It is the height of folly to think it possible to exterminate insects by means of salt, unless a sufficient quantity is scattered over the ground to destroy the trees, root and branch, and then, of course, the depredators will starve to death.

In another part of this morning's Times will be found an interesting letter from Mr. CHAS. A. PAGE, United States Consul at Zurich, on the subject of our Naturalization laws.

It seems that the colored dressmaker to Mrs. LINCOLN is not the only contemporary artist of that class who seeks to turn a connection with conspicuous personages to good account by writing. A Corsican peasant named GRISELLI, who was born near the birth-place of the first NAPOLEON, and in later years became a secret agent of the present Emperor, has just written and published a volume of "Memoirs" about his experiences and observations. He tells us that previous to the *coup d'état* NAPOLEON distributed fifty million francs among the officers and soldiers,—that he was for a time in a good deal of doubt as to the result, and that he had seventy-five millions of francs concealed in a carriage with which to cross the frontier in case of failure. There is a good deal of scandal in the book, which, like most of its class, is not absolutely reliable. GRISELLI afterward became the secret agent of CAVOUR, and was actually a spy upon NAPOLEON during the Italian war.

The "people" of Tennessee seem to have taken the matter of collecting internal revenue into their own hands. The collecting officers are waited upon by representative committees, and politely informed that if they attempt to collect the taxes they will have their brains blown out. As a general thing, this useful class of our fellow-citizens under its keep their brains—no matter what becomes of the [illegible] the result is that a very large part of the revenue is now uncollected. It certainly looks so in Tennessee, whether office-holders [illegible] be so careful of their brains as [illegible] supply is not excessive.

CONGRESS AND ITS WORK.

Temper on Retrenchment and Reform—Results Thus Far—Encouraging Signs—Financial Legislation—Mr. Lynch's Bill—Scap as an Effective Lobby Agent—General Amnesty by Gen. Butler.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON CITY, Saturday, Jan. 12, 1869.

The country must begin to credit Congress with a sincere desire to respond to the demand for economy and retrenchment. The evidence of the past two weeks on this point is very gratifying and encouraging. Congress is, really, in no temper to contemplate schemes or propositions which may impose additional burdens upon the people. Everything, thus far, of this character has failed in both Houses; witness the recommittal of the Murphy Claim bill in the Senate, not because a majority did not feel that the claim was legal and just, but because it opened the doors of the Treasury for a hundred millions or less of the same character; witness the defeat of the Niagara Ship Canal bill, with a clear majority believing the enterprise right and wishing it success, only because it took twelve millions from the Government; witness the defeat of all territorial bills and schemes that ask for more money than they propose to return; the evident reluctance to increase the burdens of the tariff; the feeble efforts to increase the items of the Appropriation bills, after they leave the Committee, where they have been reduced to the lowest limit, &c., &c. These signs are encouraging, surely. Congress may change front, before the close of the session, under great pressure, and this commendation be thus rendered unbearsed; but the time is short, the sentiment for economy is strong, the responsibility of members is apparently felt more keenly now than for many years before, and I believe there is a sincere faith to be exemplified by works that we are to have reform and retrenchment everywhere.

There is only a bare possibility that we are to have any financial legislation that will amount to anything. If anything is sought to be enacted it will be a proposition legalizing gold contracts, and possibly a resolution declaring our bonded debt payable in coin. This latter feature may have to be sugar-coated by the declaration that the United States notes must first be redeemed in coin, in order to meet Mr. SUMNER's views. Resumption established, the declaration as to the bonded debt ceases to have any force. Therefore, the gold contract feature is the only practicable proposition likely to succeed, and is in reality the first step toward specie payments. The bill of Mr. LYNCH, of Maine, with the very plain title of "A bill to provide for the resumption of specie payments," is the special order in the House for Monday, and as it cannot be disposed of except by considering it, the discussion of the subject will very likely begin in earnest. Mr. LYNCH has prepared an able speech in support of his views, and he will be supported, in part, by Mr. SAWYER, of Vermont, and others. Mr. LYNCH's bill has three propositions, to wit: First—Destroy all United States legal-tender notes received into the Treasury in the course of ordinary transactions, and issue a like amount of United States notes, redeemable in coin, on demand, at and after one year from the date of issue. Second—To cause all National Bank notes received at the Treasury to be redeemed by the bank issuing the same in United States legal-tender notes, which legal-tender notes shall in like manner be destroyed, and coin notes, payable in one year, issued in their stead. In other words, all the paper currency issued after July 1, 1869, from the Treasury of the United States, is to be notes payable in one year from the date of issue in coin. Third—To make these notes legal tender for the redemption of National Bank notes, and for all other purposes for which United States notes are now legal tender.

One of the neatest and most effective efforts at lobbying was accomplished here during the past week. A prominent soap-manufacturing firm in Philadelphia (McKENNA, VAN HAAGEN & Co.,) was made aware of some of the absurdities in the tariff system, as shown up by Mr. WELLS, by the attempt to admit "kryolite" free of duty. This is the article from which are made the alkalies used in the manufacture of soap. The point is that there is but one company in the United States which manufactures these alkalies, and they have a monopoly of the material "kryolite" from the Danish Government. At the same time it is proposed to increase the duty on sal soda 100 per cent., and on caustic soda thirty-three per cent., above the present tariff. Of course, this necessitated an increase of the tariff on soaps, or else the foreign manufacturer could enter our market and undersell our own. The firm resolved to oppose this scheme. The present tariff enabled them to successfully compete with foreign manufacturers, and they had no desire to compel the consumers of such an indispensable article to pay a higher price for it. Summoning the advice of a well-known journalist, they said they would go to Washington in person and see about it. "How much money shall we take?" said they. "Take only enough for your traveling expenses, and in place of money take some of your soaps," responded the newspaper man. A number of specimen boxes of highly-perfumed fancy toilet soaps were then prepared, and the first morning after arrival a small box neatly done up, accompanied by a fashionable-looking envelope, could be seen on the desk of each member. The effect was both amusing and interesting. Members looked at the box with suspicion; some, thinking, perhaps, it was filled with propitiation for a railroad subsidy, shoved it out of sight in a hurry; others, having their curiosity excited, opened it slyly under their desks; others hurried pages off with the parcel to the cloak-rooms; still others opened it boldly, and were gratified to find that after all it was *only* soap—and very odoriferous, flower-scented soap, too. With each box was a circular setting forth the reasons why the tariff on these articles should not be changed—as already stated. The House is, in consequence, in most excellent odor with the proposition to have cheap soap, an article they so much need; and in very bad odor, notwithstanding the soap, with the proposition to admit "kryolite" free.

Gen. BUTLER is still engaged in the merciful work of forgiving his enemies. On New-Year's Day he healed his breach with the President; and then hobnobbed with Secretary SEWARD, showing his sincerity since by urging the Cuban protectorate; last of all, he has smoked the pipe of peace with SAM WARD, and was yesterday seen in affectionate confab with that worthy on the same sofa in the room of the Sergeant-at-Arms. The rough places in BENJAMIN's path are thus rapidly being made smooth, and it is to be hoped that this spirit of magnanimity may compass the entire array of his opponents.

CYNOX.

The Lease of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad.

From the Boston Traveller, Jan. 12.

Parties well informed are of opinion that the recent lease of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad by the Boston, Hartford and Erie Company, will add to the intrinsic value of the latter corporation at least $1,000,000. Now that the contract is a "fact accomplished," it may be proper to give the details. The entire equipment of the Norwich and Worcester, in addition to the road-bed, is made over to the Boston, Hartford and Erie Company. From the arrangement with the Providence, Hartford and Fishkill Line, by the Stonington Line, the control of the Shore Line by the same, and the Hartford and Erie. There will be a saving of ten miles in distance over the Stonington Line, and the avoidance of the ferry at Groton. There is then but one road—the Connecticut River—and as the junction of bridging the river at that point has been seized by the agents of the authorities at Washington, all the present inconveniences of the Shore Line will be avoided.

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Conflicting Statements from Spanish Sources—Spain Determined to Crush Out the Insurrection—Republican Gains.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRID, Sunday, Dec. 27, 1868.

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In all the large towns of Catalonia, such as Barcelona, Lerida, Reus, Tarazona and Tortosa, the Republicans have carried the recent municipal elections by overwhelming numbers. In the Provinces of Valencia they have carried Castellon, Valencia, Alicante and Alcoy. In Andalusia, Carthagena, Murcia, Malaga, Granada, Loja, Cordova, Seville, Xeres, Jaen. In Aragon, Saragossa, Huesca, Barbastro, Tarazi. In New-Castile, Almansa and Alcazete, and in Old Castile, Valladolid. Palencia and Burgos. In Navarre, the majority equally with the Republicans in Santa Sebastian, Burgos, Corunna, Badajoz, Pontevedra, Salamanca, Bilbao, Orense, Lugo and other towns of the same class. In Avila, Cuenca, Cuenca, Gerona, Logrono, (the PANZEGO's residence,) Pamplona, Segovia, Soria and Zamora they have sustained signal defeats. It is more than probable that they will be beaten in the central provinces and in all the rural districts. According to present calculations, it is pretty certain that they will form in the Cortes a compact and homogeneous body of from ninety to one hundred representatives. As the remaining of the National Legislature will be made up of Progressists, Union Liberals, Moderates and Non-Catholics, the Republicans will be in an actual majority. In view of this result, the Republican organs are demanding of the Provisional Government to yield up its powers and to abandon the idea of seeking to force a monarchy upon a people who have proved by the elections that they are utterly opposed to it. They further demand that each municipality throughout the country shall name a delegate to proceed to the Capital, and there to form a popular Central Junta, which shall name a Provisional Government charged to preside over the destinies of the nation in place of that which already exists.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

STEINWAY HALL.

The second Symphony Soirée of the fifth season was given by Mr. THEODORE THOMAS at Steinway Hall on Saturday evening. The attendance was not what it should have been. We regret to notice a growing indifference to these entertainments. It can be ascribed only to the fact that there are no public rehearsals, and therefore no opportunity to become acquainted with works which are often tough, and sometimes forbidding in their first aspect. Mr. THOMAS' orchestra is not inferior to that of the Philharmonic Society, save in numbers, and the programmes of the soirées are always interesting. It is not necessary to swallow everything, but it is pleasant at all events to have a curious dish proffered to us, and Mr. THOMAS rejoices in curious dishes. He ought to have public rehearsals, and then people could chat about them. About fifty, for instance, would enable a quick-witted person, undisturbed by other avocations, to find out what Mr. BUSSEWEIN means by his "musikalisches charakterbild" called "Faust"—provided of course he means anything at all, except effort. What can be perceived at once in the work is incoherence; a repudiation of symmetry and muddled incoherence combined with natural coarseness. There are moments when the composer seems to have his finger on an idea, but it pops away before he has secured it. The work is without form and void; a very poor thing indeed. In strong contrast with this was the "Fruhlings Fantasie," by GADE, opus 32, played, like the preceding, for the first time in this country. The work has three movements, and is padded with a vocal quartette, a tenor solo, and a piano-forte part. The ideas are cheerful and sweet; the treatment is open and clear. We cannot, however, think that the quartette or the solo contribute to the delicate coloring of the orchestra. It is only negative praise to say that they do not disturb the flow of a very agreeable composition. The vocal quartette was not remarkable for steadiness, albeit led by that experienced and charming artiste, Miss MARIA BRAHAM. The solo was sung by Mr. WM. GROSSMUTH, who has a strong voice of unpleasant quality. Mr. VON DETTEN was at the piano, and, we have no doubt, did full justice to the partition. He is a careful player, but in this fantasie there is really nothing for him to do. Mr. THOMAS, like a good postillion, always gives a gallop for the end. He gives us novelties because the public craves novelty, but he has always something good in reserve. BEETHOVEN's Seventh Symphony (op. 92) was the *piece de resistance* on this occasion, and brought the concert to an end. Although it does not rank with the third, fifth or ninth symphonies, it is better than any of the others. The beautiful *allegretto*, and the surging *presto* are in the master's happiest mood. The treatment throughout is admirable, and particularly so in the last movement, where the theme is the shallowest. One is always young in the presence of genius. He is a dreary being who cannot relieve with BEETHOVEN. Mr. THEO. THOMAS handled the orchestra with his usual ability. The symphony (especially the second movement) went finely, and GADE's fantasie could hardly have been given better. "Faust" (who is will be remembered pestered lively devils to satisfy once, and selected *Mephistopheles* as the more of his superior vivacity,) fell into the hands of the Philistines, who lugubriously sawed him in pieces. We urge upon Mr. THOMAS, once more, to have public rehearsals. They will draw. The next concert takes place on Feb. 19, when an unusually varied programme will be offered.

MME. PAREPA-ROSA.

Mme. PAREPA-ROSA's concert on Friday evening was the last of the present series. The lady proceeds in a devious way to New-Orleans, and thence returns by a route still more perplexing to New-York. The object is to capture all the mid-lying and outlying towns, and compel them to pay tribute to the foremost representative of art now in America. May she be abundantly successful. The concert on Friday evening was remarkably well attended. Steinway's chaste and classic hall was completely filled by an audience that represented every class of the community from the star dead-head to the reserved aristocrat. Even the upper galleries and the private boxes were filled. We mention these facts to show that Mme. ROSA has lost none of her old-time popularity. And, indeed, there is no reason why she should have done so. Her voice is as powerful and pure as ever, and her art is of that sort which does not quickly perish. We are not of those who admire Mme. PAREPA-ROSA in opera, but in the concert-room she is certainly unrivalled. Her treasure singing is perfect, and in the declamatory recitatives of HANDEL, MOZART, and BEETHOVEN she leaves absolutely nothing to be desired. The way in which she interpreted "Ah! perfido" two years ago, still lingers in every musical memory. Mme. PAREPA-ROSA, from her attainments rather than her style, is an oratorio singer, and the finest, or at least one of the finest, now living. Our readers who have not heard the lady will have an opportunity of judging for themselves during the last Lenten weeks of the present year. Several oratorios will be given in this City, with Mme. PAREPA-ROSA as the soprano. It is not, however, for these things that the public heart warms toward the lady. She touches the multitude by a simple and earnest rendering of ballad music—giving to each note its due value, and if the note be an upper one seeing with great liberality toward it. In these little pieces Mme. ROSA often displays much archness and vivacity, and there is a charm about the smallest trifle, for she renders that every word can be distinctly understood. It is in the highest degree delightful to hear Madame sing a ballad. To return to the programme of Friday. The defect in it was that there was a great deal too much ROSA and not half enough PAREPA. We mean of course in a musical sense. He (the ROSA) appeared three times, and the audience being hardened to crime or steeped in sentiment, permitted him to play twice more by way of encore. It is the curse of the fiddle that it always gets an encore. It is a Sisyphus of an instrument. If Mr. ROSA were the best of violinists, (which he is not,) this would be too much. In his way, he is pleasant enough. He trots around his little mill with manifest pleasure to himself, and even amuses those who are looking on. But it is enough to give one the blues to reflect that the next time we are called upon to attend a Parepa-Rosa concert, we must hear ERNST's "Elegie." It was necessary to wake through four numbers before reaching Mme. PAREPA-ROSA herself, who then gave us an aria from "Robert le Diable." The aria was sung superbly, and led to an encore when the brilliant cabaletta from "I Lombardi" was substituted. It was given with

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remarkable animation. In the second part the lady sang a new ballad by Mr. BENJAMIN MASSON, called, nonsensically, "[illegible]" Mr. DE [illegible] gave "[illegible]." It is a smooth and melodious piece, which will take with the public, but it is the sort of thing PAREPA-ROSA ought to sing a dozen times a day. Overcome by the sentimental confidence of Mr. LEVY's lips, the lady sang, among many other things, a thoroughly delightful ballad called "Roland Hay to Do," Mr. LEVY's piano-forte accompaniment being exceedingly bad, coming in at the end considerably after the lady had ceased singing. This was the "Carnival of Venice." It placed the audience, delighted, and the dear creature had to sing it over again. Mme. ROSA, however, in turn, was captivated to the extent that her lip being cut of order it would be impossible for him to play more. And this proved to be the case. It is wonderful that what he did was accomplished so closely. Signor FERRANTE obtained a hearty round of applause on the "Largo al factotum," and was obliged to sing "Fenina, Fenina" as an encore. Mr. BRODSMOUGH Bowers also sang several pieces effectively. He has an agreeable voice, but a somewhat affected manner. Mr. C. W. COLBY was the accompanist.

SUNDAY CONCERTS.

Notwithstanding the threatening weather last night, there were two good attendances at Steinway and Irving Halls. Sunday concerts are evidently popular. They supply the community with amusement, light, warmth and comfort at a very moderate price. In a city so heterogeneous as New-York, these considerations are of weight. There is a large class, too, that having performed its religious duties, sees no harm in accommodating itself to mind and harmless relaxation. For all such the Sunday concerts are a blessing. It must be remembered that they are conducted with singular propriety and liberality. At Steinway Hall, Mr. THEODORE THOMAS gave his eighth regular concert. The programme was good—calculated in every way to demonstrate the precision and fire of the orchestra. There was no novelties of an instrumental form, but we may refer to the scherzo from the "Reformation Symphony," by MENDELSSOHN, as an exquisite instance of delicate interpretation. Mr. THOMAS had two soloists, Mr. C. ALTAS, a gentleman who has a weak, colorless tenor voice, and Mr. J. A. DAWSON, a gentleman who has no nervous to do justice to himself, but who possesses feeling and much correct and delicate insight into the meaning of what he plays.....At Irving Hall, the Mendelssohn Orchestral Union gave its third concert of the season. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. H. B. DONOVAN, numbered upward of sixty instruments. It was much better balanced than on any previous occasion, but something yet remains to be done. We are glad, however, to record the continued prosperity of the association and the changes for the better which take place in it. An organization of such extent is manifestly of importance to art, especially as it is a free organization. The principal piece played last night was "Les Preludes," by LISZT, which, although defective in parts, was given with grand effect as a whole. It served very acceptably as an indication of the metal of which the orchestra is composed. The light overture to the "Poet and Peasant" was played splendidly, as also was the march with which the concert terminated. The soloists who assisted on this occasion were Miss ROSA DONNELLONG, Signor FOESARI and Mr. AMBORN. The lady has a good voice, but it runs down rapidly from correct intonation. Mr. LIBERATI presided at the piano as accompanist.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The complimentary concert to MAZURKA D. GREENE on Saturday evening, at Irving Hall, ended in a very substantial and satisfactory result. The performance was a satisfactory one, and the hall was filled, but it did not, of course, represent the entire number of tickets actually sold. We are glad to hear that Mr. GREENE who,—although badly paralyzed,—was present, will be benefited to the extent of upward of two thousand five hundred dollars. This is not only acceptable in itself, but it is gratifying as an indication of the esteem in which Mr. GREENE is held by his friends.

Our Brooklyn friends have a treat in store. Mr. OLE BULL and his troupe visit the sister city on Wednesday next, when we doubt not the Academy of Music will be filled to its greatest capacity. We notice that Mr. J. EASTON PEASTRE, the well-known composer and singer, has been added to the forces as accompanist. There is not a better one in the country.

Signora ELENA LINARI, a lady of culture and reputation, who comes to us highly commended by Italian and French critics, will give a grand concert at Steinway Hall on Tuesday evening. The lady has sung in several of the principal opera houses of Italy, her last engagement being at the Pergola in Florence, where she was the prima donna during the season of 1867. We trust sincerely that Signora LINARI's success may be commensurate with her merits, which seem to be great. She will be assisted by Mr. J. W. HILL, Signor BONCORI, Mr. HARRY SANDERSON, Mr. U. C. BURNAY, and an accompanist, Mr. OTTO SINGER.

A grand concert will be given at Steinway Hall tonight in aid of the St. David's Benevolent Society—a charity which does much good in its sphere of action, and, of course, appeals particularly to our Welsh friends. The programme of the entertainment is interesting. It will be rendered by Mrs. SOPHIE MOHAMY, Miss MATILDA TORRY, (violinist,) Mr. GEORGE ANDSON, Mr. AP MADOC, (now we are getting into it,) and Mr. LLEWYN LEWIS, (now we have got it.) Mr. EDWARD HOSPNER and Mr. J. R. THOMAS. The latter gentleman has composed a song expressly for the occasion, called "Voice of the Mountain Land."

The Minstrels are doing so well that they offer no changes in the substantial elements of their programmes.

There is a nightly crowd at Tammany of between four and five thousand people. The entertainments are excellent, and the management in all its departments perfect. To-night a new comic pantomime by MARVEL, the clown called "Robert Macaire," will be produced for the first time. MARVEL, who is one of the best artists in his line living, will, of course, appear. The "Punch and Judy Show," in the basement, attracts much attention. In the course of a few months we hope to get the hang of all the attractions and entertainments of Tammany.

M. RIXLEY, and his famous troupe of Japanese artists, have arrived in this country, and will shortly appear, it is said, at the Academy of Music.

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Dated TROY, Dec. 31, 1868.

By order of the Board of Directors.
FRS. SIMS, Cashier.

This Bank has reorganized as a State institution, and will continue business at the old stand, under the name of The Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Troy.

SOWLES BROTHERS & CO.,
BANKERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
NO. 13 RUE DE LA PAIX, PARIS,
No. 19 William-st., New-York,
No. 24 State-st., Boston.

Make advances on stock, bonds, and cash coupons on demand. Bills on the United States or England bought and sold. Circular credits cashed. Letters for American Exposition addressed to our care will be forwarded or delivered.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

AUGUST BELMONT & CO.,
Issue Letters of Credit, for Travelers' use, on MESSRS. ROTHSCHILD,
in Paris, London, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Vienna, and their correspondents in all principal cities of Europe; also, make Telegraphic Transfers of Money on CALIFORNIA AND EUROPE.

LOUISIANA STATE EIGHT AND SIX per cent. Levee; also, Alabama five and eight per cent. Bonds for sale. Southern Securities a specialty.

MANNING & DE FOREST,
Bankers, No. 19 Wall-st.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, 12th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.:

NATHANIEL HAYDEN, CHARLES BANCKER,
WILLIAM L. CONKLIN, JOHN E. SHEPHERD,
GEORGE TOOKER, THOMAS WOODWARD,
JOSEPH M. COOPER, ALFRED W. CLAYE,
THOMAS DAVENPORT, H. B. LOOMIS,
JOHN B. DUNHAM, CHARLES HUSSLIT,
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, ALFRED J. ROWE,
CHARLES J. SHEPARD.

A subsequent meeting of the Board this day, NATHANIEL HAYDEN and JOSEPH M. COOPER were severally unanimously re-elected President and Vice-President.

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 12th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

JOHN CASTEEL, DANIEL DUETNEY,
DAVID DILLON, JOHN ROMER,
JOHN ROMER, WM. P. TOWNSEND,
J. VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, BENJAMIN E. SEAMAN,
ISAAC ODELL, ALEX. T. STEWART,
WM. A. THOMSON, GUSTAV SCHWAB,
CHARLES SUKKHALTER, ROBERT L. MAITLAND,
JOHN WILSON, JOSEPH GAILLARD, Jr.,
EMOR KEMPTON, JOHN AUCHINCLOSS.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board JACOB D. VERMILYE was unanimously re-elected President and BENJ. B. SHERMAN Vice-President.

B. McCARTER, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY OF MARYLAND, No. 31 BROADWAY.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this Company for the election of a President and Directors will be held in this office on WEDNESDAY, the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock, M. The polls will be closed at 1 o'clock, P. M.

A special meeting of the stockholders will be held at 1 o'clock, same place, for the consideration of such business as may properly come before it.

The transfer books will be closed from the 15th inst. until after the election.

JAMES F. MUZRIE, Vice-President.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, held on 13th inst., the following gentlemen were elected:

JAMES S. COBB, PHILIP M. FYDDE,
JOHN Q. JONES, FELIX INGOLDSBY,
WM. H. ASPINWALL, DANIEL S. PERKINS,
ROBERT B. ROOSEVELT, JOSEPH SAMPSON,
E. LENOX KENNEDY, WILLIAM E. DODGE,
SANFORD COBB, WILLIAM H. GUION.

At a subsequent meeting held this day, JAMES K. ROOSEVELT was unanimously re-elected President.

A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT THE ELECTION HELD ON THE 12th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

BARNET L. SOLOMON, THOMAS A. VYSE, Jr.,
WILLIAM McA. KOBBE, ANDREW WOOD,
J. O. WHITEHOUSE, JAMES DAYTON,
GEORGE A. FELLOWS, JOHN O. FRESLER,
GEORGE C. COLBURN, GEORGE W. CHAMBERLAIN.

At a meeting of the Board held this day, THOMAS A. VYSE, Jr., was unanimously re-elected President.

JOHN T. MILLS, Cashier.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, No. 60 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

INTEREST DUE FEB. 1, ON SINKING FUND Mortgage Bonds of this Company will be paid at this office. Transfers books will be closed on the 20th inst., until Feb. 2. All bonds due Feb. 1 will be paid on presentation at this office. Scrip certificates will be issued for fractional parts.

R. L. CLARKE, Treasurer.

SHELDEN AND COLUMBIAN COPPER COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the above Company will be held at the office of Wm. Wilson, No. 52 New-York-st., on MONDAY, the 1st day of February, 1869, at 12 M., to take action upon the questions of increasing the capital stock of the Company and of levying further assessments. By order of the President.

S. J. EDWARDS, Secretary.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 155 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, 19th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking house, No. 4 Bowery, corner of Canal-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

E. HAMILTON, Cashier.

AN ELECTION FOR TRUSTEES of the Union Trust Company of New-York, first class, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 10 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

C. F. CARLTON, Secretary.

THE COUPON DUE JAN. 1, 1869, ON the Bonds of the Pompton and Ulster Coal Company (except those on which payment has been stopped, a list of which will be seen at our office) will be paid on and after SATURDAY, Jan. 16, 1869, by

DARNEY, MORGAN & CO., Financial Agents,
No. 55 Exchange-place.

FINANCIAL.

VERMILYE & CO.,

BANKERS,

REMOVED TO

NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AND IN GOLD AND GOLD COUPONS.

CLOSING PRICES.

New-York, Jan. 14, 1869.—5 P. M.

	Buying.	Selling.		Buying.	Selling.
Sixes, 1881	111½	111¾	6-20 Coupons, '67	108¼	108¾
Coupons, '62	111¾	112	6-20 Coupons, '68	108¼	108¾
6-20 Bonds, 1865	110¾	110¾	10-40 Coupons	107¾	108
5-20 Coupons, '65	110¾	110¾	Gold	135¾	135¾
5-20 Coupons, '67	110¾	110¾	U. S. Currency	134½	135½
5-20 Coupons, '68	110¾	110¾			

Jan. 14, 1869.

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION,

RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD,

MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

BANKING HOUSE OF

HENRY CLEWS & Co.

No. 5 WALL-ST.,

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DAILY BALANCES OF CURRENCY OR GOLD.

Business conducted with an open stock or right, to enable operators to watch Gold and Stock fluctuations.

A Commission of one-eighth of one per cent. in currency charged for buying and selling Gold.

Certificates of deposit issued bearing interest.

Collections made everywhere and loans negotiated.

We keep and will at current market rate all issues of GOVERNMENT BONDS, and execute orders for the purchase and sale of GOLD and all first-class securities for the usual commission.

GREENBAUM, BROTHERS & CO.,
BANKERS,
NO. 34 BROADWAY,
NATIONAL PARK BANK BUILDING.

CHICAGO HOUSE: H. GREENBAUM & CO.

DRAFTS FOR £1 AND MORE

ON ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND CONTINENTAL EUROPE.

BANKING HOUSE OF

Geo. Opdyke & Co.

25 Nassau-st.,
CORNER of CEDAR-ST.

DEPOSITS received subject to check at sight, and interest allowed at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT issued, bearing interest, payable on demand, or after fixed dates.

COLLECTIONS made in all points in the United States, Canada and Europe. Dividends and Interest on Bonds also collected, and all moneys promptly accounted for.

ORDERS promptly executed for the purchase and sale of Gold; also, Government and other Securities.

LOANS negotiated.

HEDDEN, WINCHESTER & CO.,

No. 4 Wall-st.,

BANKERS AND BROKERS.

STOCKS, BONDS, GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD BOUGHT AND SOLD on commission. Interest allowed on balances.

NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ENGLISH AND AMERICAN BANK, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION,
No. 157 PALMERSTON BUILDINGS,
OLD BROAD-ST.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 1868.

We beg to inform you that we have, as Voluntary Liquidators of the English and American Bank, (Limited), declared a further division of the capital of £1 10 per share, making the former distributions of ninety per cent. of the amount paid up on the shares.

We are, Sir,
Your obedient servants,
(Signed) H. C. GOLDSCHMIDT,
JOHN E. KEY,
ALFRED AGLAND,
SAMUEL GRAY.

J. M. WEIAM & CO.,
DEALERS IN SOUTHERN SECURITIES,
No. 15 New-st. and No. 10 Broad-way.

Offer for sale:
Mobile and Ohio Sterling Bonds.
Mobile and Ohio 5 per cent. Interest Bonds.
Memphis City 6 per cent. Bonds.
Virginia Sterlering Stock.
Memphis and Charleston Second Mortgage Stock.
Memphis and Charleston Stock.

B. MURRAY, JR.,
BROKER IN
GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SECURITIES,
NO. 5 NASSAU-ST., N. Y.

OCEAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 40 Broad-st., New-York, Jan. 7, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD MONDAY, 11th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for this Company for the ensuing year:

MICHAEL CORNELL, FREDERICK MEAD,
LEVI AGAR, CHAS. S. APPLEGATE,
D. P. MARTIN, H. K. THURBER,
C. W. LAWRENCE, JOHN CORNELL SITE,
C. W. HAROLDEN, SEBASTIAN T. TERFT,
JOHN J. SIDEK, ALLAN BAY,
WM. H. DOUGHTY, JOHN H. BERRY,
EDGAR FISCHOW, JAMES FLANAGAN,
JOHN H. GOLDSMITH, JAMES WALLACE,
JOHN H. CONNOR, THOS. C. WHEELER,
JOHN E. SANAGAN, JOHN E. GILES,
A. C. CHAMBERLAIN, ADOLPH EBERHARDT,
CHARLES SPEAR, CHAS. A. RICHARD,
WM. H. MARSHALL, A. KIMBELL,
JOHN M. WEBB, JAMES E. TEQUA,
ALEX. BONNELL.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board held this day, NICHOLAS C. MILLER was unanimously re-elected President. W. H. BRADLEY, Secretary.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank, held on the 12th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

CHARLES A. ROME, JOHN A. HALSTEAD,
JOHN E. HARRIS, JOSEPH BUDD,
HELMUS N. WELLS, WM. A. BALL,
JOHN H. CHISOLM, HENRY HEGGIE,
GEO. W. FLATT, HARRY HARRIOTT,
JOHN E. LAWRENCE, MORRIS ALLEN,
GEO. O. PETERS, FABIUS SULLIVAN,
FRANCIS E. FITZGERALD, PETER E. SWEENY,
ANDREW MILLS;

and SAMUEL C. HARRIOTT, HUDSON HOAGLAND, and JOHN W. MALBURY were elected Inspectors of the next ensuing election.

At a meeting of the Board subsequently held, F. A. PALMER Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, and CHARLES BURKHALTER, Esq., Vice-President.

E. T. EVERITT, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, NO. 48 BROAD-ST., CORNER EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK.

AT AN ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS held at the Banking-house, on the 12th inst., the following gentlemen were duly elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year, viz.:

JOS. D. DERBIGNY, EDWIN J. BROWLTON,
JOS. T. SANGER, J. H. DATER,
JOHN ELLIOTT, TIMOTHY H. PORTER,
JOHN BALCOMBE, JOSEPH A. SCHERMERHORN,
HENRY L. BARBE, C. DAVENPORT,
ALBERT G. LEE, WM. E. FORSTER,
JOHN H. STOUT, JOHN SILOVER.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. JOHN H. DICKINSON was unanimously re-elected President and Mr. ALBERT G. LEE was unanimously re-elected Vice-President.

J. A. STOUT, Cashier.

NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 52 WILLIAM-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD MONDAY, 11th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for this Company for the ensuing year:

CHARLES A. ROME, JOHN A. HALSTEAD,
JOHN E. HARRIS, JOSEPH BUDD,
HELMUS N. WELLS, WM. A. BALL,
JOHN H. CHISOLM, HENRY HEGGIE,
GEO. W. FLATT, HARRY HARRIOTT,
JOHN E. LAWRENCE, MORRIS ALLEN,
GEO. O. PETERS, FABIUS SULLIVAN,
FRANCIS E. FITZGERALD, PETER E. SWEENY,
ANDREW MILLS;

and SAMUEL C. HARRIOTT, HUDSON HOAGLAND, and JOHN W. MALBURY were elected Inspectors of the next ensuing election.

At a meeting of the Board subsequently held, F. A. PALMER Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, and CHARLES BURKHALTER, Esq., Vice-President.

E. T. EVERITT, Cashier.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT AN ANNUAL ELECTION HELD ON THE 12th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year:

JAMES HALL, HARRISON HALL,
ROBERT BARCLAY, WM. CLOSS,
J. ELLIOT CONDICT, DANIEL CHAPMAN VAN
EDWARD SCHELL, RENSSELAER,
MARTIN V. BURNS, R. E. COMSTOCK.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, R. E. COMSTOCK, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.

W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 11TH inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year:

JACOB D. VERMILYE, WM. E. DODGE,
BENJAMIN E. SEAMAN, ROBERT L. MAITLAND,
ALEX. T. STEWART, GUSTAV SCHWAB,
ROBERT L. MAITLAND, JOSEPH GAILLARD, Jr.,
JOHN AUCHINCLOSS.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board JACOB D. VERMILYE was unanimously re-elected President and BENJ. B. SHERMAN Vice-President.

B. McCARTER, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY OF MARYLAND, No. 31 BROADWAY.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this Company for the election of a President and Directors will be held in this office on WEDNESDAY, the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock. The polls will be closed at 1 o'clock, P. M.

A special meeting of the stockholders will be held at 1 o'clock, same place, for the consideration of such business as may properly come before it.

The transfer books will be closed from the 15th inst. until after the election.

JAMES F. MUZRIE, Vice-President.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, held on 13th inst., the following gentlemen were elected:

JAMES S. COBB, PHILIP M. FYDDE,
JOHN Q. JONES, FELIX INGOLDSBY,
WM. H. ASPINWALL, DANIEL S. PERKINS,
ROBERT B. ROOSEVELT, JOSEPH SAMPSON,
E. LENOX KENNEDY, WILLIAM E. DODGE,
SANFORD COBB, WILLIAM H. GUION.

At a subsequent meeting held this day, JAMES K. ROOSEVELT was unanimously re-elected President.

A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

AT THE ELECTION HELD ON THE 12th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

BARNET L. SOLOMON, THOMAS A. VYSE, Jr.,
WILLIAM McA. KOBBE, ANDREW WOOD,
J. O. WHITEHOUSE, JAMES DAYTON,
GEORGE A. FELLOWS, JOHN O. FRESLER,
GEORGE C. COLBURN, GEORGE W. CHAMBERLAIN.

At a meeting of the Board held this day, THOMAS A. VYSE, Jr., was unanimously re-elected President.

JOHN T. MILLS, Cashier.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, No. 60 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

INTEREST DUE FEB. 1, ON SINKING FUND Mortgage Bonds of this Company will be paid at this office. Transfers books will be closed on the 20th inst., until Feb. 2. All bonds due Feb. 1 will be paid on presentation at this office. Scrip certificates will be issued for fractional parts.

R. L. CLARKE, Treasurer.

SHELDEN AND COLUMBIAN COPPER COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the above Company will be held at the office of Wm. Wilson, No. 52 New-York-st., on MONDAY, the 1st day of February, 1869, at 12 M., to take action upon the questions of increasing the capital stock of the Company and of levying further assessments. By order of the President.

S. J. EDWARDS, Secretary.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 155 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, 19th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking house, No. 4 Bowery, corner of Canal-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

E. HAMILTON, Cashier.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,
NO. 10 BROADWAY, CORNER OF BEAVER-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

AN ELECTION FOR TRUSTEES of the Union Trust Company of New-York, first class, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 10 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

C. F. CARLTON, Secretary.

THE COUPON DUE JAN. 1, 1869, ON the Bonds of the Pompton and Ulster Coal Company (except those on which payment has been stopped, a list of which will be seen at our office) will be paid on and after SATURDAY, Jan. 16, 1869, by

DARNEY, MORGAN & CO., Financial Agents,
No. 55 Exchange-place.

A LARGE KINDS OF SOUTHERN SECURITIES bought and sold by

LEVY & SONS,
No. 5 Pine-st.

DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE NO. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868.

The transfer books of this Company will be closed on the 5th of January next, and be reopened on TUESDAY, the 12th.

A dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the preferred and common stock, payable in gold, free of taxes, payable in common stock, on and after Jan. 15, 1869, to holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 5th of January next. All payable at this office.

All orders for certificates must be endorsed and stamped.

E. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL COAL MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NO. 140 BROADWAY, ROOM NO. 7, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1868.

The Directors of this Company have this day declared a Half-yearly Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. Scrip Dividend on the capital stock of the Company, payable to the stockholders on and after WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20, 1869, at the Company's office, as above.

The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 9 until Jan. 21.

By order of the Board.

F. T. WHITE, Secretary and Treasurer.

PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 325 Canal-st.

Cash Capital	$150,000
Surplus	31,000

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of SIX PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

FRED. V. FRICK, Secretary.

NAUGATUCK RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

DIVIDEND NO. 6.

A Dividend of Five per Cent., free of tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this road on the 15th of February next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 5th to Feb. 15, from date inclusive.

H. HUGHES, Treasurer.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF HOME FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 146 Broadway, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Six per cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

W. C. CRARY, Secretary.

TWENTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE EXCELSIOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

A semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, is payable on demand.

A. S. WALTON, Secretary.

TWENTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.

LAMAR FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 52 Wall-st.

A semi-annual dividend of SIX per cent., free of tax, is payable for demand.

WM. R. MACDIARMID, Secretary.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE TRUSTEES HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend or interest, under the provisions of sixth section of their Act, for the last six months ending 31st December, as follows:

As the rate of five per cent. for a minimum on all sums of five and upwards, for the period above mentioned, and six per cent. on all sums amounting to five hundred dollars and upwards.

Also, an extra dividend, being in addition and proportionately greater than the regular dividend, indorsed on dividend, and calculated on the same principle.

This interest is carried to close to the credit of depositors, and will be paid to them, or those in whose interests it may be a deposit. It will be entered on the pass-books of any there who required it, and after the third Monday, being the 19th instant, will be paid in cash.

ROBERT ANSON KENNEDY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NOS. 157 AND 159 COURT-ST., BROOKLYN, Jan. 12, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) per cent. has this day been declared, free from Government tax, and payable on demand, at their office in New-York.

NOTICE.—This Company have removed their office in New-York to the building No. 172 Broadway, and offer to the public an unimpaired cash capital of ONE MILLION DOLLARS, added to which is a surplus of several hundred thousand dollars, and insures against loss by fire, marine, and inland navigation risks, on liberal terms, on as favorable rates as is consistent with safety and mutuality.

PHILANDER SHAW, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO., HOWARD BUILDINGS, No. 176 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

A SCRIP DIVIDEND OF FORTY PER Cent., free of Government tax, on the business of the past year, has been declared, for which certificates will be issued April 8.

Six per Cent. interest on all outstanding scrip will be paid on and after the 15th inst., on the 3d and 4th certificates of the Company, of the issue of 1865, will be redeemed in cash.

THOMAS HALE, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILROAD COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 14, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF THREE and a Half per Cent. has been declared by this Company, on the 1st of Feb. 1, 1869, free of Government tax. Stockholders holding certificates issued at New-York will be paid at the office of the "United States Trust Company," in New-York, No. 45 Wall-st.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Jan. 16 until Feb. 2.

By order of the Board of Directors.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, it was Resolved, That a dividend of FIVE PER CENT. in cash, free of Government tax, be paid, on the last day of February next, to the holders of the full-paid shares, registered on the 15th day of January next, and that the transfer books be closed on the 20th day of January and opened on the 6th day of February following.

THOMAS E. WALKER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE FIREMAN'S TRUST INSURANCE CO.,
OF BROOKLYN, NO. 39 COURT-ST. AND NO. 18 JOHNSON-ST.,
BROOKLYN, E. D., Jan. 14, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, DWIGHT JOHNSON, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, and a semi-annual dividend was declared of FIVE PER CENT. free of Government tax, payable on demand.

C. D. MIDDLEBROOK, Secretary.

CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 78 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual Dividend of Six (6) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on the 19th inst.

T. F. BERRIAN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 141 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent. free of Government tax, payable on demand.

WM. RAYMOND, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HUMBOLDT FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NO. 160 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, a semi-annual Dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, was declared, payable on demand.

A. WILEY, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE EMPIRE CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 152 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE Directors have this day declared a Dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.

WM. A. BURTIS, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 128 BROADWAY, New-York, Jan. 14, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, has this day been declared by the Board of Directors, and is payable on demand.

WM. J. HUGHES, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
NO. 823 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared semi-annual dividend of SIX PER CENT., free of all tax, payable on the first MONDAY of January next.

The Transfer Books will remain closed until Jan. 19, 1869.

GEO. I. BENDY, Cashier.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of the METROPOLITAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have THIS DAY, declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX PER CENT., free of all tax, payable on and after Monday, the 4th inst., at their office, No. 108 Broadway.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

WM. A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

OFFICE MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 6 WALL-ST., (BANK OF NEW-YORK BUILDING),
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SEVEN (7) per cent., free from Government tax, has this day been declared, payable on demand.

J. M. TOMPKINS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ARCTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 128 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on demand.

CHARLES RAMBURGH, Secretary.

PACIFIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 58 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of Eight per cent. free of Government tax, payable on the 19th inst.

C. P. FERRIERA, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH RIVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of Six (6) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on the 19th inst.

WASHINGTON POST, Jr., Acting Secretary.

YONKERS AND NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NO. 181 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1869.

EIGHTEENTH SERIES OF DIVIDENDS.—The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free from Government tax, payable on demand.

JOHN W. MURRAY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SPRING MOUNTAIN COAL CO.,
ROOMS NOS. 2 AND 3 NO. 25 NASSAU-ST.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a cash dividend of Five (5) per cent., payable on and after Jan. 15, 1869, to the stockholders of the Company. The transfer books will be closed from the 10th to the 14th inst., both days inclusive.

CHAS. SUMNER, Secretary and Treasurer.

KENNEBECCASSIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, OFFICE 102 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, a semi-annual Dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, was declared, payable on demand.

A. WILEY, Jr., Secretary.

STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 112 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FIVE per Cent., also an EXTRA DIVIDEND of TWO AND ONE-HALF per Cent., both free from Government tax, payable on demand.

WILLIAM H. ST. JOHN, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
NO. 823 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared semi-annual dividend of SIX PER CENT., free of all tax, payable on the first MONDAY of January next.

The Transfer Books will remain closed until Jan. 19, 1869.

GEO. I. BENDY, Cashier.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of the METROPOLITAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have THIS DAY, declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX PER CENT., free of all tax, payable on and after Monday, the 4th inst., at their office, No. 108 Broadway.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

WM. A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

OFFICE MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 6 WALL-ST., (BANK OF NEW-YORK BUILDING),
NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SEVEN (7) per cent., free from Government tax, has this day been declared, payable on demand.

J. M. TOMPKINS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ARCTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 128 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on demand.

CHARLES RAMBURGH, Secretary.

PACIFIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 58 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1869.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of Eight per cent. free of Government tax, payable on the 19th inst.

C. P. FERRIERA, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

EIGHTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.

NORTH AMERICAN
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 124 BROADWAY.

CASH CAPITAL $200,000
SURPLUS, Jan. 1, 1869 ..... 172,[illegible]
ASSETS ..... $372,[illegible]

The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual DIVIDEND OF FIV

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:

VILLE DE PARIS, Surbeck ..... SATURDAY, Jan. 23
FRANCE, ... DUCHESNE ..... SATURDAY, Feb. 6
ST. LAURENT, ... Rousselot ..... SATURDAY, Feb. 20

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, including wine:
TO BREST OR HAVRE.
Furnishing, $140; second cabin, $90.
TO PARIS.
Including railway tickets, furnished on board.
First cabin, $148; second cabin, $92.

These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
Medical attendance free of charge.
American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railways and the disagreeable ferry or crossing the Channel, besides saving much trouble and expense.
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND DERRY.
THE ANCHOR LINE.
Favorite Clyde-built Steamers are intended to sail

EVERY SATURDAY
From Pier No. 20, North River, as follows, viz:
IOWA ..... Jan. 16 COLUMBIA ..... Feb. 6
CALEDONIA ..... Jan. 23 EUROPA ..... Feb. 13
BRITANNIA ..... Jan. 30 INDIANA ..... Feb. 20

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabins, to Glasgow or Londonderry, $80 and $75.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $145 and $135.
Steerage, to Glasgow or Derry, $30; intermediate, $32.
Prepaid Certificates issued for young children.
Passengers booked to and from Havre, Paris, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.
Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland, at current rates of exchange.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 7 Bowling-green, New-York.
HENDERSON BROTHERS.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
SAILING EVERY WEDNESDAY.
CUBA ..... Jan. 20 RUSSIA ..... Feb. 10
JAVA ..... Jan. 27 NUBIA ..... Feb. 17
AUSTRALIA ..... Feb. 3 CHINA ..... Feb. 24
Passage money payable in gold.
Cabin ..... $120 Second Cabin $60
Cabin to Paris $145
Passengers booked through from Paris, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.
Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland, on favorable terms.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.
HENDERSON BROTHERS.

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HENDERSON BROTHERS.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
FOR LIVERPOOL.
From Pier No. 46 North River, WEDNESDAYS.
COLORADO ..... 2,500 tons ..... Jan. 20, at 10 A. M.
NEBRASKA ..... 2,500 tons ..... Jan. 27, at 4 P. M.
MISSISSIPPI ..... 2,500 tons ..... Feb. 3, at 10 A. M.
NEVADA (new) ..... 3,000 tons ..... Feb. 10, at 4 P. M.
Cabin passage, $80 gold; Steerage, $30, currency.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms.
For freight or passage, apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 11 Wall-st.
For steerage passage at 44 Broadway.
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 10 Broadway.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.
TRIPOLI ..... Jan. 21 ALGERIA ..... Feb. 4
TARIFA ..... Jan. 28 SIBERIA ..... Feb. 11
RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK.
Cabin ..... $80 Gold.
Steerage ..... $30 Gold.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For Freight or Passage, apply at 4 So. 4 Bowling-green.
E. CUNARD.

NATIONAL LINE.
THE STEAMSHIP DENMARK, QUINTON, Will sail SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 10 A. M., from Pier No. 42 North River.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown, Cabin, $100.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $145.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $37, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, No. 29 Broadway.
E. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
The Famous Lines of mail steamships are expected to sail as follows:
CITY OF NEW-YORK ..... Saturday, Jan. 16, 8 P. M.
CITY OF LONDON ..... Saturday, Jan. 23, 1 P. M.
KANGAROO (via Halifax) ..... Monday, Jan. 25, 1 P. M.
One week succeeding SATURDAY, and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN GOLD.
First Cabin, $100 Steerage ..... $32 and $35
To London ..... 115 To London ..... 35 and 37
To Paris ..... 145 To Paris ..... 70 and 75
Halifax ..... 20 Halifax 15
St. John's, N. F., by steamer ..... 20 St. John's, N. F., by steamer 15
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.
Tickets to Queenstown, Cork, Belfast, Glasgow, Londonderry, and Liverpool, by the Cunard Mail Steamers, sailing every Saturday, at the lowest rates, may be secured at the Company's office, No. 15 Broadway.
For further information apply at the Company's Offices.
JOHN G. DALE,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM COMMUNICATION DIRECT BETWEEN NEW-YORK, NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, VIA PANAMA.
THE PANAMA, NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY dispatch a steamer every month, calculated to connect with the steamers of the British Mail Steamship Company at Panama, for the Pacific Mail Company's steamer leaving New-York for Aspinwall on the 5th of each month, thus affording the necessary connection. Passengers and cargo booked through from New-York to the several Colonial ports.
A special steamer runs to the newly discovered gold region of Holditch.
For further information regarding rates of freight, passage money, &c., &c., apply to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 10 Wall-st.
CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 22 William-st., New-York.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Cabin.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
Including Table.		
$275	$200	$70

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,

YOUR TURN IS MORE THAN ONCE
On the 5th, 15th and 25th,
except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult.
Meals and stateroom included.
GEO. H. HENRY CRANMORE, Capt. CORNES, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. W. H. WEST.
Steamer leaving Feb. 5 connects closely with steamer CHINA, leaving San Francisco March 5, 1869, for China and Japan.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the Company's ticket office on the pier, foot of Canal-st.
J. H. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 20th of each month.
HERMANN, Capt. I. F. TOBERMAN, Jan. 20.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. J. J. SHELDRAUGH, Feb. 20.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. Geo. R. SLOCUM, March 20.
These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia, and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,
UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the splendid side-wheel steamer
EAGLE, Capt. M. B. GREENE, Jan. 23,
at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River. For engagements of freight or passage apply to
R. G. WHEELER, Jr., President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VANSICE ..... Jan. 21
EAGLE, Capt. M. B. GREENE, via Nassau ..... Jan. 28
GUANO CITY, Capt. H. ALVORD ..... Feb. 4
For freight or passage apply to
R. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line.
The fine steamer
CORO, Capt. N. HAYES, will leave Pier No. 11 East River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 10 A. M. Passage to Havana, $35 currency. For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 34 Beaver-st.

FOR MOBILE,
VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.
The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the first-class steamer
FLAG, Capt. HOFFMAN,
on SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 20 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile. Is now receiving. Insurance guaranteed at one-half the rates charged to Mobile. Through rates and bills of lading given to Selma, Montgomery and all points in the interior at lower rates than any other line.
Has splendid cabin accommodations for passengers going to Florida or the Gulf Ports.
For freight or passage apply to
A. E. PATTERSON, Agent, No. 114 Chambers-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, SEMI-WEEKLY.
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
DIRECTION TO SUNGOPE.
The first-class steamship HUNTSVILLE will leave Pier No. 19 North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage apply to
E. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 22 West-st.
Cabin passage, $20.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this Line will leave Pier No. 1 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
GEO. CROMWELL ..... Vance ..... SATURDAY, Jan. 23
GEO. WASHINGTON ..... Gaines ..... SATURDAY, Jan. 30
Through bills of lading for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at through rates.
Passage, first and second cabin, or freight apply to the agents, E. M. CROMWELL & CO., No. 36 West-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.—REGULAR LINE.—The fast and elegant side-wheel steamship MAGNOLIA, M. A. CROWELL, Commander, will be dispatched on THURSDAY, Jan. 21, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 5 North River. Cabin passage reduced to $15. Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest. Agents in Charleston, HARTWELL & CO.; Savannah, Jas. Rose; Port of connection, ARTHUR LEARY, No. 13 William-st.
The steamship SARAGOSSA will sail on the following SATURDAY.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S STEAMER CHARTERED ORLEY, sailing on SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 12 M. Freight received until 4 P. M. on FRIDAY, 22d inst.
All former facilities afforded to shippers in selecting natural energies, &c.
W. H. R. BABY, Agent,
No. 2 William-st., New-York.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

A PARTNER WANTED WITH $5,000, TO manage a manufactory in London, England; passage paid over and $3,000 salary; profits to each partner not less than $3,000 per annum. Address O., Box No. 3,611, Nicholas Hotel, New-York.

AUCTION SALES.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF 400 LOTS,
PART OF
The Morris-Stebbins Tract.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. S. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Jan. 28, inst., at 12 o'clock M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway,

400 VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS,
SITUATE ON
The Grand Central Avenue,

a continuation of the 7th and 8th-avs. Boulevard, about three-quarters of a mile from Harlem Bridge, in Westchester County, on a line with 125th-st., and about 1,200 feet from the Morrisania and Melrose stations of the Harlem Railroad, and one-quarter of a mile from Fordham horse cars, making the property accessible at all hours of day or night.
It is now proposed to place this portion of Westchester County on the market.
CENTRAL PARK COMMISSIONERS,
This property, thus situated offers unusual inducements, either as an investment or for the purpose of creating suburban residences, combining the advantages of city and country.
Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
PEREMPTORY SALE OF VALUABLE improved property on Attic, West 30th and 40th sts., and on 7th-av., near Broadway, also lots on 30th-av and 40th-st. By order of the under-signed executors and devisees of THOMAS M. THORNE, deceased.
ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. S. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on
TUESDAY, JAN. 26,
at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:
ATTIC-ST.—The two lots of land, with the brick and frame buildings thereon, situate on north side of Attic-st., between 6th-av. and Macdougal-st., and known as Nos. 127 and 129. Lots each about 25x100 feet.
WEST 30TH-ST.—The first-class three-story brownstone house and lot, situate on the southerly side of 30th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., and known as No. 24. The house is 24x54 feet, has all modern improvements and is in good order. Lot 98 feet in depth.
7TH-AV.—Five four-story brick houses and lots, situate on the easterly side of 7th-av., commencing on the northeast corner of 40th-st.; Nos. 420, 422, 424, 426 and 428 7th-av. Houses contain modern improvements.
WEST 40TH-ST.—Two four-story brick dwelling-houses and lots on north side of 40th-st., commencing 60 feet east of 7th-av., and adjoining the last-described property; known as Nos. 116 and 118.
8TH-AV.—Three vacant lots on the east side of 8th-av., commencing 100 feet west of 40th-st., each 25x100 feet.
30TH-AV.—Four lots situate on the west side of 30th-av., commencing on the southwest corner of 40th-st., each 25x100 feet.
Sixty per cent. of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage.
WILLIAM A. THORNE,
JOHN W. THORNE,
THOMAS W. THORNE,
CHARLES R. THORNE.
Maps at the office of the Auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st., New-York.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
AUCTION SALE OF SIXTY-FOUR VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS, COMPRISING THE ENTIRE BLOCK BOUNDED BY 6TH AND 10TH AVS. 47TH AND 48TH STS., TO CLOSE AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST.
ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. S. WILKINS & CO. WILL SELL AT AUCTION ON
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 1869,
AT THE EXCHANGE SALESROOM, NO. 111 BROADWAY, TRINITY BUILDING, N. Y.
Part of the Morris-Stebbins Tract, viz.:
47TH-ST.—10 lots on north side of 47th-st., comprising the entire block between 6th and 10th avs.
48TH-ST.—10 lots on south side of 48th-st., comprising the entire block between 6th and 10th avs.
9TH-AV.—1 lot on southwest corner of 48th-st. and 9th-av., 25x100, to pay a small Belgian payment.
10TH-AV.—4 lots on southeast corner of 48th-st. and 10th-av.
The above described lots belong to the immediate vicinity of the Central Park, and of numerous improvements now rapidly enhancing in value. And very desirable as an investment; and to those wishing to purchase with a view to the erection of private residences, the lots are very valuable and very desirable, and should bring 100 feet wide, paved with Belgian pavement, on high, commanding ground, and very near the Central Park.
TERMS OF SALE UNUSUALLY LIBERAL, viz.: 10 per cent. may remain on bond and mortgage, with privilege of paying at any time by giving thirty days' notice.
Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st., New-York.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.
EXECUTORS' SALE OF 95 VALUABLE lots on Madison, Lexington, 1st and 4th avs., Avenue A, 64th and 65th sts.
P. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of Edward Pennell and Thos. Pennell, Executors of estate of Prudence Pennell, deceased:
1ST-AV.—Southeast corner 64th-st., 5 lots, each 25x100.
AVENUE A.—Southwest corner 65th-st., 5 lots, each 25x100.
1ST-AV.—Whole entire front, south side, between 1st-av. and Avenue A, each 25x100.5.
LEXINGTON-AV.—Northwest corner 64th-st., 5 lots, each 25x100.
MADISON-AV.—4 lots, north side, 25 feet west of Lexington-av., adjoining the above, each 25x100.4.
25 lots, comprising the entire block bounded by Madison-av., 64th and 65th sts.
LEXINGTON-AV.—Entire front, east side, between 64th and 65th sts., 10 lots, each 25x100.
MADISON-AV. and 4TH-AV.—4 lots, adjoining the above on the west.
4TH-AV.—Northwest corner 65th-st., 5 lots, corner lot 25x100, balance 25x100.4.
MADISON-AV.—Entire front, 125 feet west of Lexington-av., 5 lots, each 25x100.
TERMS OF SALE.—10 per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage for 2 or 3 years at 7 per cent., with privilege of paying off by giving sixty days' notice.
Maps now ready at No. 5 Pine-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
PEREMPTORY SALE OF VALUABLE FLOTS ON 6TH, 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH AVS.
ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. S. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on MONDAY, Jan. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:
6TH-AV.—Four west side of 6th-av., commencing 215 feet south of 47th-st.
6TH-AV.—1 lot north side, 25 feet east of Madison-av.
Also, 1 lot north side, 50 feet east of Madison-av.
Also, 1 lot north side, 100 feet west of 4th-av.
Also, 1 lot north side, 100 feet west of 4th-av.
7TH-AV.—1 lot north side, 25 feet west of Madison-av.
Also, 4 lots south side, 75 feet east of 4th-av.
Also, 2 lots south side, 100 feet west of 4th-av.
Terms of sale, cash.
ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
EXECUTOR'S SALE.—LAWRENCE, WRIGHT & STRATTON will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Jan. 21, 1869, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York:
The valuable Water Front at Brooklyn, (formerly Williamsburg), situated 300 feet south of the Grand-street Ferry, and known as Nos. 1 and 3 Water-st., consisting of three lots, each 25 feet front, by the whole depth from the river to Water-st., or the old ferry road; with the right to 20 ft. in front of the same lots, extending (as now used) to the bulkhead line, together with the valuable water rights and privileges in front of the premises. Terms on day of sale.
Maps of the premises at auctioneers' office, No. 11 Pine-st., New-York.

VALUABLE BOOKS AT AUCTION.
Clinton Hall Sale-rooms and Art Gallery.—LEAVITT, STRESSER & CO., Auctioneers.—MONDAY, Jan. 18, and following evenings, a private collection of Books, comprising a very choice selected library of about 1,000 volumes, mostly recent new works, illustrated works, &c., many of which are in handsome bindings. Catalogues ready and books on exhibition.

EDWARD W. LEAVITT, Auctioneer.
BY E. L. MAYER BROTHER & CO.—THIS DAY, (Monday,) Jan. 18, at 12 o'clock, within their stores:
200 Cases Valencia Oranges, Loading.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BOSTON, VIA NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER.
BY THE OLD FALL RIVER LINE.
NEW-YORK AND BOSTON, NEWPORT, FALL RIVER, TAUNTON, NEW-BEDFORD and CAPE COD TOWNS and NANTUCKET.
Rates of fare and freight always as low as by any other regular line.
One of the Magnificent Steamships,
NEW POINT OF OLD COLONY,
Leaves Pier No. 2 North River, foot of Murray-st., at 4 P. M. daily, Sundays excepted.
By this route passengers can take train from Newport at 7 A. M., and arrive in Boston at 8:30 A. M., in time to connect with all Northern and Eastern trains, or can leave Newport, breakfast on board, and take 7:30 A. M. train, and arrive in Boston in early morning hours.
E. LETTLEFIELD, Agent,
No. 2 North River, foot of Murray-st.
NEW-YORK, Aug. 2, 1868.

STONINGTON LINE.
TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.
GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.
Fare always as low as by any other line.
The new and elegant Side-Wheel Steamers
STONINGTON and SARACAGASETT,
Capt. WM. M. JONES, Capt. GEO. H. BULL,
Will leave Pier No. 35, foot of 1st-st., North River, at 4 P. M.
Arriving ahead of all other lines.
Tickets sold and baggage checked to the principal hotels, at No. 2 Astor House, and at Boston Express Office, No. 334 Broadway.
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At $6 50 per dozen.
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At $5 per dozen.
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At $6 per yard.
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At $1 25 per yard.
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FULL SIZE 11-4 MARSEILLES QUILTS,
From $1 75 and upward.
500 PAIRS FULL SIZE BLANKETS,
Only $4 50 per pair.
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At $5 50 per pair.
20 PIECES PLAID FRENCH FLANNELS,
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KID GLOVES, 50 CENTS PAIR; CHILdren's real kid, 25 cents, 50, 87½. Jouvin's first quality two button kids, silk gloves, mittens, leggings, knitted drawers, &c., ladies' and children's hosiery and underwear, at ELGIN'S, Nos. 68 and 69 Broadway, near 25th-st.

PROPOSALS.

FRESH BEEF AND VEGETABLES.
PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, UNITED STATES NAVY, NO. 20 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.
SEALED PROPOSALS, indorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Vegetables," will be received at this office until 2 o'clock P. M., on FRIDAY, the 22d day of January, 1869, for the supply of 200,000 pounds of Fresh Beef and 100,000 pounds of Fresh Vegetables, to the Brooklyn Navy-yard and Stations, as required. The Beef and Vegetables must be of good quality, and the best the market affords, and each article must be offered for bids separately. The Beef to be in equal proportions fore and hind quarters.
Bonds with approved security, will be required in each case, for the faithful performance of the contract, at twenty per cent. in addition will be withheld from the amount of each payment to be made, as collateral security for the due performance of this contract, which will on no account be paid until it is fully completed with.
Every offer made must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by responsible parties, that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation within five days with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the supplies offered, or the responsibility of the guarantors to be certified by the Assessor of Internal Revenue for the district in which they reside.
Each bid must be accompanied, by such guarantee, and by satisfactory evidence that the bidder is a regular dealer in the articles proposed and has the means to carry out his offer.
It is to be understood that in case the stipulated quantity of either article shall be delivered, leaving a balance due on the other article, the contract may be considered as completed in full, at the option of the Department.
The Department reserves the right to reject any proposal not considered advantageous to the Government.
J. C. ELDRIDGE,
Paymaster U. S. Navy at New-York.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-ORLEANS, MOBILE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 26, 1868.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
Sealed proposals for constructing the portion of the New-Orleans and Jackson Railroad, from the city of New-Orleans to the city of New-Orleans and Mobile, consisting about 2,000,000 cubic yards of earth work, the delivery of materials for and construction of 1,000 linear feet of trestle bridging, 25,000 linear feet of pile and trestle bridging, and for delivery of 400,000 crossties and other materials, will be received at the office of the undersigned in the City of New-Orleans, up to Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1869.
Maps and profiles of the line, plans of structures and approximate amounts of work to be done, will be exhibited at the same office, on and after December 15, 1868, and blank forms of proposals for contracts, specifications, &c., &c., &c.
All proposals to be addressed to Richard Van Vleck, Chief Engineer for the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, New-Orleans, La.
The Company reserve the right to reject any proposal which for any reason, may be deemed unadvantageous.
JAMES A. RAYNOR,
President N. O., J. and G. R. R. Co.
Office of the Company in New-York, No. 21 Pine-st.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.—HORACE B. CLAFLIN, EDWARD R. FARRS and EDWARD W. SANCROFT, plaintiffs, against ELTHE JOHNSTON, defendant.—Place trial City and County of New-York.—Summons for money demand on contract.—To the Defendant named in the action:—You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at his office, in the City Hall, in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the demand on the subscribers, at their office, No. 32 Broadway, in the said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of thirteen hundred and ninety-two dollars, with interest from the 27th day of July, 1868, besides the costs and disbursements of this action.—Dated New-York, Aug. 6, 1868.
BROWN, HALL & VANDERPOEL,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
To the above named defendant:—The foregoing summons was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, on the third day of January, 1869, and not served, as of Aug. 6, 1868.
BROWN, HALL & VANDERPOEL,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
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HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

CARRIAGES, VELOCIPEDES, SLEIGHS, ALL STYLES; GREAT BARGAINS.
HARNESS, ROBES, ROBES, &c.
At warerooms of DALVIN WITT, No. 68 Broadway.

FOR SALE—SIX OR SEVEN YOUNG HORSES; a child or child may drive to wide, knowing they will show for themselves. Apply at the stable corner of Albany and 72d-st.

FOR SALE—A GENTLEMAN'S CART AT A BARGAIN; now and absolutely built. Apply at No. 10 Lexington.

HORSES, TOP WAGON AND HARNESS, built to order, for sale on 10 days' trial, or time, 5th and 6th, of JOHN AITON, grocer, No. 341 West 35th-st.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE.
THOSE VALUABLE STORES, NOS. 15, 17, 19 and 21 VESEY-ST., CORNER OF WASHINGTON, LONG OCCUPIED BY WETMORE & CO.
FOR PRICE AND TERMS APPLY ON THE PREMISES.

FOR SALE—A FINE FIVE-STORY CORNER store, on Sixth-st., below Wall-st., Price $28,000.
ALSO
For Sale Five-st. Property.—The five-story stone Nos. 22 and 24 Pine-st., near South-st., running through to Depositor-st., about 25 feet wide each; will be sold together or separately. Price, $24,000 each. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

THIRD-AV.—A VALUABLE PLOT OF 25 ground, well improved, with stores and dwellings, on the northeast side of Third-av., 50x100. For particulars, apply to
ALLEN & BROWN,
No. 96 Broadway.

A VALUABLE CORNER PROPERTY
Near Grand-st., containing three lots, east of the Bowery; unimproved.
For particulars, apply to
ALLEN & BROWN,
No. 96 Broadway.

FOR SALE—A FULL HALF BLOCK OF 17 ground on 6th-av., running through to 5th-av., 200 feet; fronting Central Park. Also, several desirable plots of land on the Central Park and Boulevard.
Apply to
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FOR SALE—ONE OR MORE OF THOSE NEW four-story high-stoop brown-stone houses on the north side of 36th-st., between 7th and Madison-ave.; latest improvements; modern; in perfect order. Inquire of the owner, 38, 5th-ave., or (possession immediately,) JOHN C. BAKER.

WATER FRONT—ON THE NORTH SIDE OF the Harlem River, east of the iron bridge, in plots from 100 to 400 feet in front, by 200 feet in depth, to rent to connect. Apply to LEWIS B. BROWN, No. 56 Broadway.

FIFTY-THIRD-ST., 150 FEET EAST of 5th-av., two lots, 62x100. Also, 2 lots and 12 acres in Westchester County, near the river, well situated for dividing into lots. Apply to
FRANK G. BROWN.

FOR SALE—THE FULL SIZE BROWN-STONE front house No. 14 West 17th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., three stories front and four stories rear, in good order, and early possession. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

A RARE CHANCE.—EIGHT LOTS OF Ground, (25x100.4 each,) with large house, for sale, near the Circle on 6th-st. None but principals need apply to DAVID HOYT, No. 208 Chatham-st., or W. ROSMOND, builder, 11th-st., near 4th-av.

TO INVESTORS.—FOR SALE, BELOW MTT. Lent, and between 8th and 9th avs., a large plot of ground, through from street to street, with 12 good four-story dwellings. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE, OR TO LEASE FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES.—The four-story brick house, No. 20 Union-square, adjoining Union-square hotel, 16th and 17th-sts., south. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

BROADWAY.—FOR SALE—A LOT 24.8x200, on Bleecker-st., near St. Nicholas Hotel, with possession May 1, 1869. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—FIFTEEN LOTS ON THE BOULEVARD and 10th-st., recently laid out. Also, 8 lots on Washington-st., between 42d and 43d-sts. Apply to R. V. VAN VOORHIS, No. 18 Nassau-st.

FOR SALE—A DOUBLE STORE IN MURRAY-st., near Church, 22x70, $24,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—FOUR LOTS OF GROUND, EACH 25x100, south side of 126th-st., 200 feet west of 10th-av. Apply on No. 3 Sackett-st., Room No. 5, first floor.

FOR SALE—A FINE FIVE-STORY CORNER store, 100 Nassau-st., 25x100; $15,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

A LIST OF REDUCED BUSINESS PROPERTY, tenements and lots, mailed free by STANLEY DAY, No. 320 Broadway.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

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AFFAIRS IN GEORGIA.

Settlement of Plantation Accounts—The Compensation of the Freedmen—Their Treatment, Condition and Prospects—The "Cotton Revival"—Signs of General Prosperity—The Gloom of Politicians—The Negro Disturbances Near Savannah—Railroad Rivalry—A Combination Defeated.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MACON, Ga., Saturday, Jan. 9, 1869.

During the past ten days I have been traveling in Southwestern Georgia, the principal cotton-growing district in the State, with a view to judge for myself from personal observation, the feelings existing between the white employers and the black laborers, to witness the plantation settlements of accounts, among the hands at the close of the year, and to form some idea of the agricultural and industrial prospects of the year which has just commenced. I happened to be present when several of the large planters were paying off their hands—dividing thousands of dollars among them—and paying each one in money, in addition to corn, pork, oats, fodder, and other produce, independent of provisions, houses, firewood and advances for clothes during the past twelve months, from $75 to $125. I had heard that the negroes were charged exorbitant prices for the articles advanced, and that thus they were, in many cases, swindled out of a large portion of their honest earnings. I therefore informed myself as to the market prices of the principal articles of food and clothing which freedmen purchase from their employers, and compared them with those charged on the plantation book's, and in no instance did I see anything charged at a higher price than the market value of the day, without any charge for interest or any profit of any kind. The account of each hand was kept separate; his share of the crop ascertained; the several items of his account read over, and acknowledged or compared with a book in the possession of the hand in which all his purchases were charged as he made them, and the balance struck and paid to him in good and lawful greenbacks. In some instances it was difficult to make the negroes comprehend what Mantalini called the "transfer nature" of their purchases, and the subtraction of that amount from their cotton money, but after some trouble and a good deal of iteration, they comprehended it and were quite satisfied, expressing perfect satisfaction with their employers, with their "luck" and themselves, and hoping that they may "do as well another year." In no part of the world is the corresponding class of laborers as prosperous in a material sense as these negroes. Certainly not in the Old World, and I doubt very much whether the field laborers in the North and West, after defraying all their expenses and those of their families for a year, clear an average of $100.

I could see no disposition on the part of the planters to act unjustly or unkindly. On the contrary, I saw stoppages for lost time, breakages, and other forfeitures, remitted universally, and I heard none but kind words from both parties. Politics and voting were never named.

There are indications of a reluctance on the part of freedmen to contract for the next year. They have got the idea that freedom is not compatible with an obligation to work twelve months under the direction "of a white man." They recognize the necessity for labor, but want to work by the month or to "job about for awhile," and having ready cash on their pockets, do not feel the value of time. To some extent this feeling is attributable to a vague idea that something wonderful will happen when "Massa Grant comes in," and that to enjoying that something to the highest degree it is essential not to be "tied down by no contract with a white man." In a few days, however, the store-keepers in the towns and villages will have got most if not all the negroes' money for brass-headed canes, accordions, flutes, fire-crackers, hoop skirts, waterfalls, and the gaudiest articles of female raiment, and when the money is out we will return and contracts will be made. The long-mooted case of money-wages versus a share of the crop is still undecided. Wages would be the best mode of compensation in the interest of the planter if the negro would work, and the negro would be better satisfied and would sooner learn the value of money and of economy. But the share in the crop, dividing the risk and making the laborer's profit dependent on his industry, is found to be the safest and best.

An immense area will be planted in cotton next year. The incentive of 25 cents per pound is irresistible. Everyone is going to plant who has an acre of ground, and everyone seems confident that "cotton will never fall again below 20 cents." I am much afraid that provision crops will be neglected, and that the suffering of 1867 will be experienced again. But it is idle to talk or give advice. "Sell cotton at $1.00 a bale and buy corn at 75 cents or $1," is the invariable reply to the sagest counsel.

The mule drovers, who this time last year were the most disconsolate and disappointed set of men I ever saw, are now the most cheerful and contented. They have sold their stocks readily at high prices, and the cry is still they come. Good medium mules, from five to seven years old and broke, bring readily from $175 to $200. The dealers in fertilizers are very active. There are hundreds of phosphates, and superphosphates, ammonitated raw bones, and dry bones, and ground bones, and flour of bones advertised as "the very best manure for cotton." All species of guano, vastly superior to Peruvian, are offered for sale in every direction, and the newspapers are filled with flaming accounts of the surprising effects of these stimulants to production.

All this shows prosperity, and promises well, unless it is overdone. The sugarcane is to go to work and make something" is universal. Arrangements are being made to erect several cotton and paper mills. The coal mines are being worked more extensively and more profitably than heretofore. Business in the towns and cities has not been so active since the war closed. Every one has money except the lawyers and the editors. Railroad enterprises meet every stage of embryo construction, from the bare project to the advertisement for proposals to build the first twenty miles. Politicians alone look gloomy, shake their heads, and are apprehensive, the Democrats fearing that the —— Congress will pass the Edmunds' bill or something like it, and the Bullock party fearing that Congress "won't do nothing."

The negro disturbances in the country round Savannah, in Chatham, Bryan and Liberty Counties, are much more serious than it was supposed at first. The negroes have violently taken possession of the whole country, seized all the cotton and other movable property, expelled the owners and their families, murdering three who resist, and ill-treating and insulting all. The tales from that section which are told by those who have made their escape are really terrible. Allowing for great exaggeration from alarm, as well as ill-will, the condition of affairs is very serious. The negroes are organized, have blockaded all the avenues of approach, forbid egress or ingress, and declare that they mean to hold the country against all comers. It is said authoritatively that they have committed several atrocious murders, and that indignities have been offered to white women which have them worse than death. The military have gone to aid the civil authorities, but the report that the freedmen are not going to yield without a fight. Of course they will be subdued, and that quickly; but the danger is, that having once learned their power, and the force of organization, they may have set an example which others may imitate, and which will result in much suffering and trouble, as well as loss of life. The loss of property in consequence of the Ogeechee disturbances has been very large.

The attempt by the Central Railroad and the City of Savannah, by combination of money and influence, to control all the railroads in Southern Georgia and kill every enterprise that is not tributary to the interests of the Central Road and Savannah, has failed for the present. The Courts have enjoined the proposed arrangements, which were designed to destroy the Atlantic and Gulf and the Macon and Brunswick Railroads. QUINTAN.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Annual Report of the Metropolitan Board of Health—The Mortality of the Past Year—The Tenement House Law—Recommendations and Remedies.

The third annual report of the Metropolitan Board of Health, for the year included between Nov. 3, 1867, and Oct. 31, 1868, has just been published, and from its pages we present the following as the most interesting points made known:

During the year no epidemic diseases have prevailed in the district. The most notable fact has been the mortality among young children, especially of those under one year of age, and this has been great as to arrest serious attention and to lead to the inquiry whether the management of them is not materially wrong, and the death rate of proportions to the known causes which exist to endanger their thrive. The following table will indicate the mortality of children under one year of age, compared with the general mortality, for every week of the year:

NEW-YORK MORTALITY, BY WEEKS, 1868.

Week ending	Mortality in the whole year.	Total deaths.	Deaths by Scarlet Fever.	Mortality under 1 year.	Deaths by Scarlet Fever.
1st	126	441	25th	267	1,[illegible]
2d	126	447	26th	319	149
3d	100	370	27th	328	78
4th	100	370	28th	353	78
5th	125	422	29th	363	78
6th	98	371	30th	363	68
7th	91	446	31st	303	68
8th	123	437	32d	328	69
9th	113	435	33d	328	69
10th	130	444	34th	347	69
11th	124	412	35th	351	81
12th	120	436	36th	356	104
13th	121	456	37th	381	97
14th	149	473	38th	398	93
15th	122	509	39th	441	434
16th	105	435	40th	427	360
17th	128	453	41st	419	380
18th	104	433	42d	385	346
19th	123	440	43d	361	324
20th	112	407	44th	336	286
21st	119	408	45th	317	260
22d	98	358	46th	288	240
23d	107	392	47th	285	234
24th	107	387	48th	305	235
25th	144	437	49th	290	240
26th	147	453	50th	301	267
Total	3,246	11,092		9,000	7,[illegible]

From this table it will be perceived that from one-fourth to one-third of the whole mortality is to be found among children under one year of age, and it is acknowledged that in some portions of the City, sixty per cent of the mortality occurs in the infant population.

DR. HARRIS' REPORT.

The Registrar's report shows that 26,429 deaths occurred in the City and County of New-York in the year that ended on the 1st of October last, and that there were 2,615 deaths in Brooklyn in the same period. Though each table shows a slight increase in the aggregate mortality in the two cities, the increase is far less than it was, and the medical officers justly feared it would be, in consequence of the increase in population and the excessive temperatures of the Winter and the Summer. The Registrar states that no Summer in the previous forty years was as hot, damp and unhealthful as the last Summer. The total number of deaths by the diarrhoeal diseases in New-York amounted to 3,895, and the zymotic or ferment diseases amounted to 7,083. In Brooklyn the former amounted to 7,675, and the total of the same class of deaths was 3,042. The greater portion of the lamentable mortality occurred among the last children, which shows that although the heat was great as